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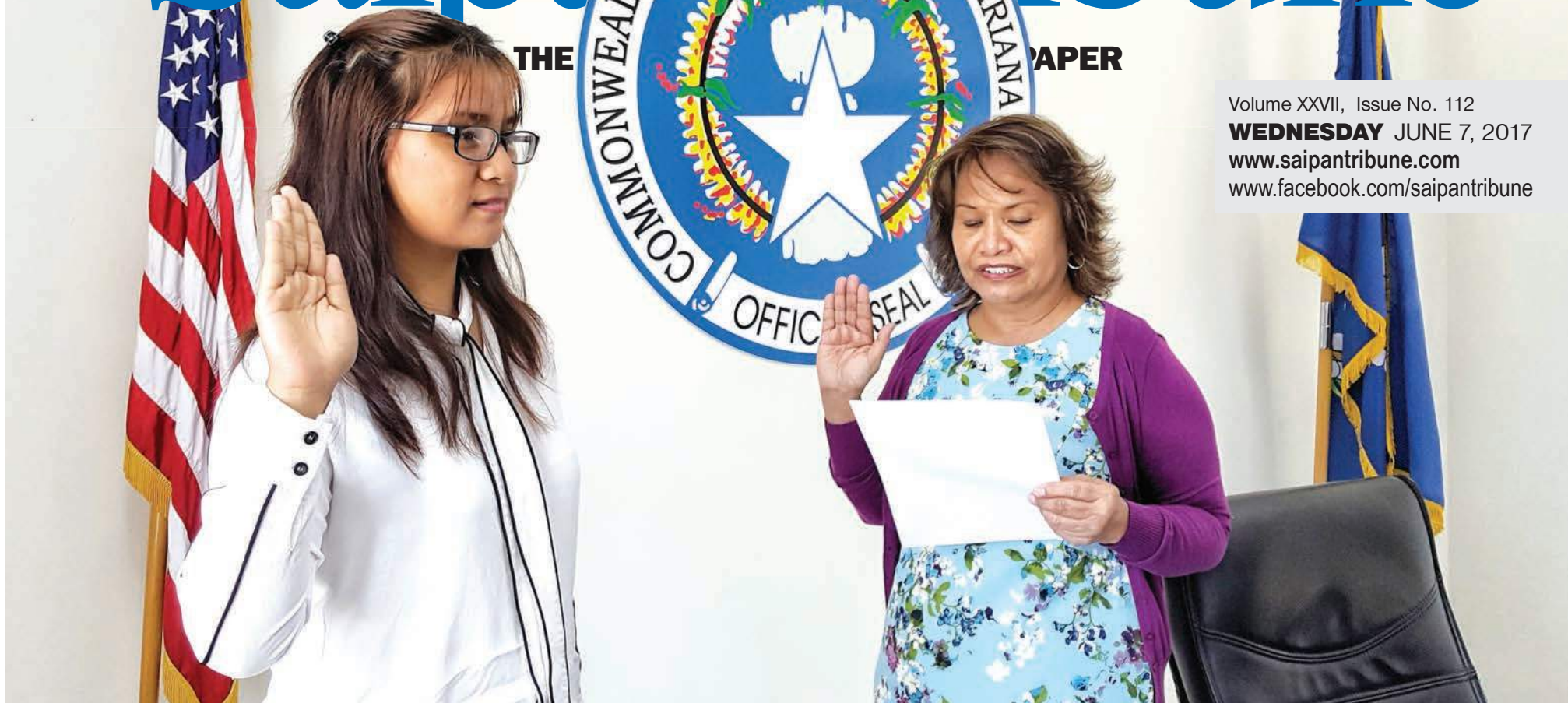
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STUDENT REP

BEA CABRERA

Board of Education chair Marylou Ada, right, administers the oath of office for Mariah Manuel Cruz as new student representative on the board on Monday. Cruz is from Tinian. Monday's swearing in was witnessed by Education Commissioner Cynthia Deleon Guerrero, other BOE members, and Public School System officials.

Mañagaha lease expired since 2016

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The Department of Public Lands is looking at either renewing or modifying its expired concession agreement with Tasi Tours for Managaha or awarding the agreement to another company.

CRM: Trailers complied with all codes

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Coastal Resources Management had approved the trailer homes being opposed by the Marianas Visitors Authority, saying it complied with all federal and local codes.

CRM acting director Jan-

ice Castro said the trailer park concept was developed by Tai Siu International Development, Inc. and entailed extensive review before being approved.

It is reportedly owned by a Saipan Ocean View manager.

"Basically, there is nothing in our regulations that says we

The Mañagaha concession agreement with Tasi Tours expired in August 2016. Right now, Tasi Tours pays DPL a monthly fee.

"DPL is still looking at the existing agreement and looking at whether to modify it or RFP [request for proposal] it

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cannot approve this type of development," said Castro.

According to her, the decision to approve the trailer homes—called a modular home-themed resort—was not only made by CRM but had the unanimous vote of the CRM board that consists of

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No jail time for suspended Corrections officer

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Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo imposed no prison time yesterday on suspended Corrections officer Ray Anthony Maratita Camacho, who was convicted of assault and bat-

tery for beating an inmate.

Instead, Govendo put Camacho on three years of probation and ordered him to pay a \$500 fine.

Noting Camacho's 16 years of service at the Department of Corrections, Govendo said there is nothing in the record that indicates that

Camacho did bad things or was violent at DOC.

He just made a mistake, Govendo said.

"I'm not going to send you in jail," Govendo told the 37-year-old Camacho at the sentencing hearing. "I hope that Mr. Camacho does not

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CDCC discuss priorities moving forward

The first meeting of the CNMI-Department of Defense Coordinating Council has been completed.

Based upon the preferred and agreed recommendation during the 902 talks to further discuss and find resolution to

outstanding issues within the CNMI-Department of Defense relationship, the council further serves to ensure due diligence of current high level and future issues are discussed and developed in a balanced manner.

According to Gov. Ralph

DLG Torres, maintaining dialogue on key Defense issues, especially in regards to the CNMI Joint Military Training and divert airfield plans, is crucial.

"This is a supplemental

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The House Committee on Ways and Means would begin meeting with the department heads of some of the agencies that provide critical services to the community to discuss their budget requests for the next fiscal year.

Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) said the first meeting

on June 15 will be with Public Safety Commissioner Robert Guerrero and his counterpart at the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, Commissioner Clyde Norita.

Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Esther L. Muna is next on June 16.

The meetings are in relation to the fiscal year 2018 CNMI

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budget proposed by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres.

Demapan said they would finalize the schedule for the Judiciary, the Public School System headed by Education Commissioner Cyndi Deleon Guerrero, and CNMI Medical Referral program director Ron Sablan.

Agencies like DPS and DFEMS provide 24-hour emergency response services. "We deemed them critical because they have personnel round the clock. They need new equipment because it depreciates faster than other departments since it is used

around the clock."

"So, we want to make sure that, in times of emergencies and disasters, we have law enforcement agencies that are ready and equipped to respond to the community. That what makes them critical."

The CNMI's lone hospital also needs utmost priority. "The hospital is a very important component of the government because without adequate hospital services we may put the lives of our people at risk."

"So we want to definitely hear from the hospital and know what their challenges are, but we also want to hear their accomplishments and what are their plans for moving forward."

Scholarship Office

The committee first met with the CNMI Scholarship Office to discuss Torres' proposal of having them administer the CW-1 (CNMI-Only Transitional Worker) fees instead of the CNMI Department of Labor.

Demapan said the money is given back to the CNMI from the \$150 fees collected in processing CW-1 permit renewals. The money is used for job training programs for the local workforce and other U.S. eli-

gible workers.

"The intention behind this is to make sure the CW-1 training funds directly benefit the students. I'm assuming this proposal is going to be in the form of scholarship grants to students who might want to take courses at [the Northern Marianas College] or [the Northern Marianas Trades Institute] or any other qualified training institution."

"But because it is a new proposal, we wanted to understand from the [CNMI] Scholarship Office what their plans are and how they plan to administer the program, because we have to remember that some of the vocational schools and entities that are here don't have the same schedule as the college," he added.

Demapan said the Scholarship Office's system is created according to how colleges work, like each school year is divided into semesters and have credit hours.

"The [Scholarship Office] should have a policy that reflects that, if ever they are going to administer the CW-1 training funds for other institutions that are not following the same schedule as the colleges," added Demapan.



SITTING PRETTY

BEA CABRERA

A tourist couple are spotted with the woman taking a photo and the man posing by climbing and sitting on one of the World War II artillery guns at the Last Command Post in Marpi.



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Revolving door of mental health pros concerns Kili

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The frequency with which a medical center in Hawaii changes its mental health professionals for veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder is causing some concerns for Delegate Gregorio Kili Sablan (Ind-MP).

He pointed out that the situation becomes worse for a veteran who has been working with a psychiatrist when that psychiatrist changes jobs or moves to another location.

"Even in Honolulu, they have high turnover of mental health professionals," said Sablan. "A veteran feels that they have to tell their story all over again. These are difficult stories to talk about. It takes time, for those suffering from PTSD, for them to open up."

Saipan airport expects 7 APCs

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The Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport expects to have three more automated passport control machines for a total of seven APCs that will hopefully speed up the time it takes to process arriving passengers.

Commonwealth Ports Authority deputy executive director Ed Mendiola said the three APCs are worth \$139,500.

During the Marianas Visitors Authority regular meeting yesterday, Mendiola said the airport expects to get the seven APCs by the end of the month.

The first four machines were obtained via an MVA grant to CPA worth \$250,000 in early March 2017.

APC machines are used to quickly process arriving passengers through immigration. Passports of arriving passengers are scanned by the APC machine kiosks and the passenger answers a survey to verify biographic and flight in-

formation, totally eliminating the need for a U.S. Customs and Border Protection representative to assist passengers arriving on Saipan.

Having multiple APC machines throughout the arrival area would allow CBP representatives to focus on granting parole authority to arriving since the APC machines could not process their information.

MVA managing director Chris Concepcion said that funding for the three additional machines came from Imperial Pacific Resort and that the machines are expected to arrive by the end of the month.

"MVA sent a memo out to our members, asking for contributions for the the purchase of APC machines. The only one that responded was IPR," said Concepcion.

According to Mendiola, CPA has already contacted the vendor of the APC machines. He said the additional machines would be ordered by the end of the week.

to have a veterans' clinic. He said he had also met with U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary David J. Shulkin to talk about VA providing funding to be used for projects, programs, and other services for CNMI veterans.

"But right now we have immediate needs. Probably there are ways to address it and we are working with Secretary Shulkin and House [Committee on VA] chair Dr. Phil Roe (R-1st Tennessee)," added Sablan. "I shared a

detailed report on the difficulties our veterans face in getting the help they deserve. The congressional office gathered these stories from casework we do for veterans, from our listening sessions, and at the Veterans Resource Fairs I hosted on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Secretary Shulkin committed to working with me, as a member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, to improve services for Marianas veterans."

He said that he also dis-

cussed with Shulkin increasing healthcare and making other medical services accessible to CNMI veterans. "We had conversations on things that we need here. Services that veterans on our islands need."

"I know it is moving through the system because some of the issues that we brought to his attention for our veterans are being addressed. Two said they received phone calls from Honolulu."

Sablan said he also gave a

wish list to Shulkin on what the CNMI wants. "Like having our own veterans' center and access to mental health professionals. That's what we're lacking here. We only have two clinical psychologists on the island and I'm not sure if there's a psychiatrist even at [the Commonwealth Health Center] right now."

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Huge task ahead for CHCC board

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The incoming board of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. would have a huge task ahead of them, according to the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations.

The committee held a public hearing yesterday on the three Saipan nominees of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres to the CHCC board—Lauri Ogumoro, Leticia Reyes, and David Rosario.

A separate hearing was also held in the afternoon for Thomas P. Villagomez, Torres' appointee to the Commonwealth Ports Authority board.

Both hearings were held on Capital Hill.

EAGI committee chair Sen. Francisco Q. Cruz (R-Tinian) clarified that Public Law 19-78's goal is for the board not to micromanage the operations of CHCC and the hospital, but rather help chief executive officer Esther L. Muna in thinking of ways to improve healthcare and service.

"Addressing and facing the people's concerns are the rea-

sons behind PL 19-78. Thank you for accepting this huge responsibility and try to work with the other two nominees from Tinian and Rota in addressing the hospital's concerns," said Cruz.

Torres has yet to name his nominees for the lone board seats reserved for Rota and Tinian.

Cruz said the new board should also consider giving the Tinian Health Center a working budget so they could operate freely and manage it.

"If they have a working budget, they could do their own operations and have the basic supplies, medicine, or other small things that patients need. Public health is to deliver quality service. But if they abuse their budget, then they would be held liable for it."

He also told the nominees that, if they have been already confirmed by the Senate, to always keep the line of communication to the Legislature open.

"Budget has always been an issue, but the Legislature is willing to help. Just come to the Legislature and tell us. If you don't come to us, we

won't know what your concerns are," added Cruz.

Not patrol officers

Committee vice chair Sen. Justo S. Quitugua (Ind-Saipan) told the three nominees that their job on the board is critical since the hospital is facing a lot of issues.

He even reminded them of the time when the then House Bill 19-186, HD1 was being deliberated on the Senate floor, when CHCC staff gave a show of force to oppose the legislation.

"When they [CHCC staff] testified, they feared that when the governing board is established, the board members would be patrolling CHCC's hallways, telling people what to do," Quitugua said.

"I hope that is not in your minds because that is not your responsibility. It is not your responsibility to be managers or to supervise the hospital's day-to-day activities. That is not the intent of PL 19-78."

He added that he is confident that he would not hear CHCC employees complain that the nominees, if ever con-

firmed by the Senate body, are patrolling the hospital's hallways and directing traffic.

"I hope that fear won't be left in the minds of CHCC employees. I hope that when all of you are confirmed, you tell CHCC staff that you are there to help improve the system and you are the policy people, put it in place to improve the quality of healthcare for our people," Quitugua said.

OPA's concerns

Committee member Sen. Teresita Santos (R-Rota) said the incoming board should study how to address some of the concerns continuously raised by the Office of the Public Auditor like CHCC's finances.

"I hope the CHCC board would take concrete measures in addressing or resolving OPA's concerns that they consistently raise," said Santos, who chairs the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.

Santos said the CHCC board and management should also invest in medical equipment to reduce the patients' costs of going off-island. "To reduce the costs of outside the CNMI patient referral as treat-

ment could be performed at the our sole hospital."

"This have been adamantly recommended by physicians from the Philippines, Guam, and Hawaii where our people have been receiving medical treatment."

The CNMI Medical Referral review board's policies also need to be carefully reviewed, according to Santos.

"[The] CHCC board should

also have an agreement with foreign physicians so once all the necessary requirements are met, they can practice or perform services here which could tremendously save us a huge amount in referral costs," she added.

Commissioning a study on cancer in the CNMI and having a dialysis center on Rota were also some of Santos' recommendations.

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because this is a concession, not a lease. A lease is required to be RFP'd," said DPL Secretary Marianne Teregeyo.

Teregeyo explained that the Mañagaha case is unique.

As she explained it, a lease requires issuing a request for proposal, or RFP. It entitles the lessee to have total authority over the property, including selecting those who have access to the property, setting the times the property may be entered, and even deciding whether the property is open to the public or not.

A concession agreement, on the other hand, allows the company to operate specific businesses within the lot. Concession agreements are open to the public as the lot is still under the jurisdiction of DPL.

"We are still reviewing the agreement," Teregeyo said, adding that DPL has been in close contact with Tasi Tours about Mañagaha.

Currently, Mañagaha is still under Tasi Tours, while Tasi Tours pays a monthly holdover fee since the expiration of the agreement last August 2016. Teregeyo said DPL would issue a decision by this August.

"We are coming up with an analysis of the previous agreements and how we can change that to better benefit [the CNMI]," she said.

"If we choose to issue an RFP we would be advertising it. ...If not, we would be notifying the people of DPL's decision. Again, there are a lot of things being considered. A lot of the members of the Legislature are urging that we issue an RFP but because this is not a lease agreement, we don't necessarily have to," she added.

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lose his job [at DOC]."

Sending Camacho to prison will only put him at risk, Govendo said, as he is already a "marked man" among inmates

Camacho did not speak in court and was silent as he emerged from the courtroom. He refused to speak to the media.

His defense lawyer, Colin Thompson, had recommended zero prison term, saying Camacho has no criminal history and no records of inappropriate behavior or violent actions.

Thompson said the court knows that there is no training for DOC officers.

After the hearing, Thompson said it was a fair sentence.

Thompson said that, as Govendo had stated, when police officers or DOC officers find themselves in trouble, jail would be more dangerous

place for them than other citizens and therefore the penalty of imposing a jail sentence is different for them than others.

When asked if Camacho has plans to appeal his conviction, Thompson said he will talk to him about that.

"We still have our time to put together a notice of appeal. We can still file an appeal. We will be looking at that and make our decision," the defense counsel said.

Assistant attorney general Matthew Baisley had recommended a short prison term like a week at DOC. Imposing no prison term on Camacho would send a wrong message, he said.

Baisley noted that Camacho has expressed no remorse for his crime.

Baisley said that Camacho, however, deserves to be given credit for having no criminal history and for his 16 years of service at DOC.

In an interview, Baisley said the Office of the Attorney General took a position

that there should be some kind of prison sentence because Camacho is a public employee and he abused his position and should have been punished on some level, but the judge disagreed.

Baisley even wondered why Govendo went ahead with the sentencing given that the Office of Adult Probation has yet to complete its presentence investigation report.

The prosecutor said a presentence investigation report is typically submitted and the Office of Adult Probation makes a recommendation, and they would go through the whole process.

"Here, for whatever reason, we skipped that entire process, jumped right to the end, and made a sentencing decision," Baisley said.

In fact, he said, he got a notice that they won't go with the sentencing yesterday with the absence of the presentence investigation report.

"I was frankly somewhat blindsided," Baisley said.

In other cases, he said, if the presentence investigation report is not ready, the judge continues the sentencing and waits for the report.

Baisley said it is not surprising, however, that the Office of Adult Probation has yet to complete the report as typically they take around four to six months to do it.

In this case, Baisley said the Office of Adult Probation had only two months to submit the report.

Following an eight-day bench trial, last April 18 Govendo found Camacho guilty of assault and battery over the beating of Ryan Cavalear at DOC on April 1, 2016. He used an illegal headlock to subdue Cavalear.

The OAG also charged Corrections officer Admisen Haddy over the beating of Cavalear, but the government dismissed the charges against him after he signed a deal with the government and testified for the government at Camacho's trial.

Commonwealth.

"They are providing us with what is required by law and that makes them able to obtain their permits to move forward with their projects," said Castro.

The proposal suggested that the trailers would accommodate budget travelers or tourists on a budget.

The area that was permitted to develop the modular home-themed resort is the land beside that of Triple J Motors on Beach Road, Garapan.

balance between the development, the environment, and coastal resources.

"We are not here to inhibit it, but to make sure that we benefit from it without paying for it with our environment and coastal resources," she said.

According to Castro, the division is just complying with both federal and local regulations and, as far as CRM is concerned, there is no regulation that states modular homes should not be developed in the

One of the conditions for the approval of the trailer homes is to keep the structures environmentally and cultural friendly.

Castro said the modular home-themed resort will surely impact the community and, while that impact is right now uncertain, it is undeniable that there will be a contribution to the economy from this new development and that is one of the goals.

She said the division's main purpose is to ensure a

a significant foundation for improving communication between the CNMI and Defense.

Work emphasized that the council will provide a forum for both the CNMI and DoD to have strategic-level, open, and respectful communication enabling DoD's missions while preserving the CNMI's culture, way of life, and economy.

Other council members are Work as co-chair, Potochney, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations, and Environment and Vice Chair Rich Hartley, Director of Pacific Division (Plans, Policy and Operations) Gayle Von Eckartsberg, Maj. Gen. Kevin Fenton, Chatfield.

Torres designated the following for CNMI membership to the CDCC: legal counsel Wesley Bogdan, Matthew Adams, Senate President Arnold Palacios (R-Saipan), Tinian Mayor JP San Nicolas, Rota Mayor Efraim Atalig, and Northern Islands Mayor Vicente Santos as well as other key representatives on an as-needed basis.

"The council will better address communication shortfalls as well as the economic, environment and workforce development interests of the CNMI. Future policies and regulations will be discussed with due diligence in a fair and consistent manner in order to ensure the CNMI's economic stability and our way of life,"

CRM

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seven different departments and divisions.

The divisions and departments that make up the CRM board is the Historical Preservations Office, Department of Public Works, Division of Environmental Quality, Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Commonwealth Utilities Corp., Department of Commerce, and CRM.

OAG wants 'vehicle owned' or 'leased' clarified

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The Office of the Attorney General has filed a motion to clarify the Superior Court's interpretation of the terms "vehicle owned" or "leased,"

prompting the court to vacate the scheduled bench trial today, Wednesday, of former Labor Secretary Edith Eleanor DeLeon Guerrero, who is facing traffic charges for misuse of government vehicle.

Assistant attorney general Jonathan Robert Glass Jr. filed the motion for clarification on Monday.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho vacated the bench trial scheduled for today and set the hearing on the motion for clarification on Aug. 3, 2017.

Last Oct. 1, 2016, DeLeon Guerrero was cited for driving an unmarked government vehicle and with tinted windows. DeLeon Guerrero has pleaded not guilty.

In the government's motion for clarification, Glass said the Commonwealth came across a prior traffic case against former Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Aldan Sablan. In April

2016, Camacho acquitted Sablan of the same three charges filed against DeLeon Guerrero. The judge concluded that the car Sablan was driving was not a "government vehicle" because it was leased for 15 days, not the statutorily required 12 months.

The government appealed Sablan's case but the CNMI Supreme Court dismissed it and sanctioned the Commonwealth because the appeal was deemed frivolous.

Glass said that in Sablan's case, Camacho defined a vehicle owned or leased according to the definition found in 9CMC 1103(e). The government believes this is not the correct reading of the statutes, as it creates a loophole where in a government entity can lease a vehicle for 364 days, have the government pay for all of it (gas, insurance, repairs, etc.), but then not qualify it as a "government vehicle" for purposes of enforcing the code, and thereby allow government employees to use this vehicle as a personal vehicle on the government's dime, Glass said.

In addition, Glass said, be-

cause the CNMI government is run on a per year fiscal basis (where every department gets a budget that is only good for that year), a government entity would not be able to lease a vehicle for more than one year.

The prosecutor said the law defines a "government vehicle" as a vehicle owned or leased by the Commonwealth or any of its branches or political subdivisions, including autonomous agencies, government corporations, boards, and commissions.

This language is very clear in its meaning, he said.

Glass said if the government owns or leases a vehicle, then it is considered a "government vehicle."

Glass said the problem arises in how Camacho came to interpret "owned or leased." While these words have plain meanings, Glass said that Camacho looked beyond the plain meaning, to the definition provided by a completely different title of the Commonwealth Code, which includes a small section about owners including government vehicles when leased for 12 months or more.

Glass said this definition of "owner" wasn't meant to explain what constitutes a "government vehicle."

He said the word being de-

fined is "owner" in this section.

Glass said this definition is for when the government is considered an "owner" of a vehicle for the purposes of Title 9 laws.

Glass said the purposes of Title 9 and Title 1 are vastly different.

Title 1, he said, specifically deals with government, and section 7406 specifically deals with restriction upon government vehicles.

Title 9, he said, deals with

vehicles in general, and sets the rules of the road.

Glass said due to Camacho's interpretation of the statutes, it has created a system whereby the law has been rendered moot, as no government agency leases vehicles for more than 12 months, and it circumvents the plain meaning intended by the Legislature.

In an earlier interview, DeLeon Guerrero said she pleaded not guilty to the charges as it's a rental car and not government property.

"It is ridiculous," DeLeon Guerrero said, referring to the

traffic charges.

Each of three charges is punishable by a fine of up to \$500 and/or three days of imprisonment.

According to court documents, police officer Jesus Santos issued the traffic citation against DeLeon Guerrero last Oct. 16 at 3:39pm in the parking lot of the Happiness Chinese Restaurant in western Garapan.

DeLeon Guerrero was the driver of a red five-door Toyota car with license plate ACU-788. The car is registered to Marfega Trading Co. Inc.

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The Hotel Association of Northern Mariana Islands continues to support the development of tourism trades with May 27's Chefs' Competition at the Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden and a donation to the Northern Marianas Trades Institute.

Junior chefs vied for bragging rights and prizes as they demonstrated their skills in a live demonstration at the competition, jointly hosted by



Junior chef Roding Domingo of Mariana Resort & Spa prepares his entry at the Chefs' Competition at the Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on May 27, 2017, on Saipan.

MVA



Vic Cepeda, Northern Marianas Trades Institute External Relations, center, receives a \$1,000 donation from the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands chair Gloria Cavanagh and HANMI secretary Wendi Herring on May 27, 2017. The presentation was made at the Chefs' Competition at the Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden.

MVA

the HANMI and Triple J Five Star Wholesale. This year's featured cut was bottom butt flap, also known as sirloin flap, which competitors incorporated into a "modern island fusion style dish."

"The Chefs' Competition is something our culinary teams look forward to every year. Definitely there's a lot of pride in participating," said HANMI chair Gloria Cavanagh. "Jay Santos of Triple J, Chef Gabriele Colombo of Hyatt, and the team worked diligently to

put this year's competition together, and we're proud to highlight the skill of this important sector of our hospitality industry."

Winning \$500 cash for first place was Antonio Agulto Jr. of Hyatt Regency Saipan. Sonny Encarnacion of Kanoa Resort won \$300 for second place, and Vicente M. Montoya of Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan finished in third place with \$200. Other participants were from Grandvrio Resort, Mariana Resort & Spa, and Imperial Pacific Int'l. All



Junior chefs present their dishes at the Chefs' Competition at the Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on May 27, 2017, on Saipan.

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winners also received a trophy, and all participants received Angus beef products.

Chefs were required to incorporate two ingredients from Garapan Public Market, and entries were judged based on creativity/best use of local product, presentation, and taste.

At the event, HANMI also presented a \$1,000 donation to Northern Marianas Trades Institute.

"NMTI is a very valuable partner in providing training for a number of areas our hotel members need, includ-

ing culinary and more," said Cavanagh. "A number of our



current employees have come to us through NMTI, and we look forward to continuing to work with the institute."

Vic Cepeda, NMTI External Relations thanked HANMI for their donation and indicated the donation would likely go toward developing the school's housekeeping program. (HANMI)

An entry featured certified Angus Beef at the Chefs' Competition at the Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on May 27, 2017, on Saipan.

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Arago challenges GMS graduates



JILL ANNE MARIE O. MALLARI

Valedictorian (sixth grade)



AREEZA GAILE C. ANDA

Valedictorian (fifth grade)



CHRISTIAN TED PAMINTUAN

Salutatorian (sixth grade)



DANIELLE NICOLE P. SACRAMENTO

Salutatorian (fifth grade)



Philippine honorary consul Glicerio Arago keynotes the Green Meadows School's 7th Commencement Exercise last May 27, 2017, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

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"A new set of challenges will welcome you as you move up to middle school. Whether they are big or small, don't give up. Stay focused, work hard, and believe in yourself."

These were the words of Philippine honorary consul Glicerio Arago, who was the keynote speaker in Green Meadows School's 7th Commencement Exercise last May 27, 2017, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Arago reiterated his message by showing pictures of students from China and the Philippines and cited the sacrifices the students had to bear to go to school and study.

His message coincided with the graduation theme, which states, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

GMS valedictorians Jill Anne Marie O. Mallari (sixth grade) and Areeza Gaile C. Anda (fifth grade) and saluta-

torians Christian Ted Pamintuan (sixth grade) and Danielle Nicole P. Sacramento (fifth grade) are the perfect example of students who worked hard to achieve recognition.

A total of 25 students were promoted to fifth grade (elementary) and sixth grade (middle school) during the event.

A total of 90 students from Kindergarten and first to fourth grade also went up the

stage with their parents to receive their medals, trophies, and certificates.

Milagros Songcuan, GMS president and principal, congratulated the students, parents, teachers, and staff for a job well done.

Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Robert Hunter was the keynote speaker for the Kindergarten and first to fourth grades pro-

motion. He encouraged the students to study harder and paid tribute to GMS teachers and staff, saying he was pleased with the academic achievements of his daughter. GMS 4th grade Aaro Solana Hunter won a gold medal last year in MathCourt statewide, STEM Fair participant, Elementary Academic Bee team member which placed fifth, and a PGFC winner.

GMS also held a preschool promotion ceremony, with outstanding student Xela Khloe C. Barbo and Edrich Jewel M. Armia honored for their achievements. Percy Kyle C. Barbo and Paul Andrei B. Bernardo were the valedictorians in their respective classes. The salutatorians were Jacie Heart S. Quindoza and Michael Jan Frederic M. Guintu. (Saipan Tribune)

PHI: We want to work with CHCC

By **ERWIN ENCINARES**
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REPORTER

Pacific Health Inc. Pharmacy, better known as PHI Pharmacy, made clear in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* that all it wishes to do is “work with [the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.] and make it easy for the pharmacy to remain open within the Commonwealth Health Center without interruption.”

The recent dustup between PHI Pharmacy and CHCC over the control of the pharmacy within the hospital—called an outpatient pharmacy—has resulted in patients, hospital officials and employees, and even politicians weighing in on the pros and cons of having a pharmacy in the hospital.

PHI Pharmacy vice president Bruce Cohen said in a long distance phone call with *Saipan Tribune* that PHI has been able to “rectify the situation,” referring to the Commonwealth Health Center’s previous inability to maintain stocks of certain medicines.

“In 21 year we’ve never had problems. We stayed open through Typhoon Soudelor and we have been offering a 365-days-a-year service, making access to prescription drugs easy for people,” said Cohen.

In an earlier interview with CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña, she cited four benefits of an outpatient pharmacy controlled by CHCC: the reduction of costs in medicine, increased quality of care for patients, potential profit for the hospital, and Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services compliance.

Also, CHCC participating in the 340B drug program, Muña said, is a way to secure significantly cheaper prescription medicine.

The 340B drug discount program is a federal government program established back in 1992 that requires drug manufacturers to provide outpatient drugs to eligible health care organizations and covered facilities at significantly reduced pricing.

Cohen said the program, however, does not include independent pharmacies.

For 340B pricing to be utilized by a pharmacy, the pharmacy first has to be a “contract pharmacy to a facility that is eligible and approved by the 340B pricing program,” Cohen said.

That means that as long as CHC is eligible to participate in the 340B program and as long as PHI Pharmacy has a contract with CHC, PHI is also eligible to participate in the 340B program alongside the hospital.

CHC has yet to be deemed eligible to participate in the 340B pricing program.

“PHI has approached CHC and said we would be a contract pharmacy using 340B medications and participate along with CHC in the program,” he said.

“We have an established pharmacy, we have all the insurance companies online, we have the inventory, staff, computer systems, and everything that is necessary to make this transition very easy for CHC,” he said.

Cohen also pointed out that if CHC chooses to operate its own outpatient pharmacy, the estimated time of approval for the hospital’s eligibility to participate in the 340B program would be in late August this year. Also, the construction of a new outpatient pharmacy may take a while, he said.

These possible avenues of delay could mean the hospital would be without a pharmacy for more than a month, Cohen said.

Cohen believes that PHI has been providing patients adequate “access to pharmaceuticals.”

“We have adequate inventory, staff, and availability. We work with the physicians of CHC. We partake in several meetings that the hospital has for continuity of care. We’re constantly working with physicians. I don’t really see how that can be improved,” he said, adding that the sharing of patient information through electronic health re-

cords, or EHRs, as Muña had cited, takes too long.

“...It is so much quicker to make a phone call to a doctor. The doctors are right there. In retail pharmacy, outpatient pharmacy, people want to get their prescriptions as soon as they can. Over half the time, the person is not going to come back or wait,” he said.

PHI prices follow insurance companies

Contrary to popular belief, Cohen said, the prices of pharmacies are dependent on health insurance companies. He said the insurance company hires a pharmacy benefit manager that designs the reimbursement for pharmacies using average wholesale prices and other different pricing schemes plus a dispensing fee.

“They send a contract to the pharmacy—even doctors, radiology labs, and other healthcare services—to either accept the deal the insurance company is offering and participate in the program or not. Pharmacies don’t set the price for prescription drugs, the insurance companies do,” he explained.

Team player

Cohen said the bottom line is that there is access to pharmaceuticals at the hospital. He said PHI is not “against CHC [taking over] the outpatient pharmacy.” He would rather have PHI and CHC working together to maintain the pharmacy “without interruption.”

“This is an opportunity to work as a team and solve this situation that isn’t really a problem,” said Cohen. “If PHI is asked leave this Aug. 14 and a pharmacy doesn’t open until next year, that would be a dreadful public health crisis with lack of public prescription drugs, particularly at the hospital,” he added.

“If we are asked to leave, we are asked to leave, but do we want to close PHI and have nothing to open in its place? I don’t think so,” he said.

9 nations start diving exercise in Guam

GUAM—Nine Western Pacific Naval Symposium nations commenced a disaster response-focused exercise, the Western Pacific Naval Symposium Diving Exercise 2017, on Monday, June 5.

The WPNS-DIVEX 2017 is a biennial diving exercise conducted by WPNS nations to enhance cooperation, interoperability, and tactical proficiency in diving operations. The last DIVEX was held in Singapore in 2015.

“The fact that this year’s DIVEX 17 simulates a military assistance humanitarian response to a catastrophic natural disaster is a significant milestone,” said Rear Adm. Shoshana Chatfield, commander, Joint Region Marianas. “The skills we practice during this exercise have global indications when it comes to our ability to rapidly deploy and work together.”

During the exercise, participating units will respond to a

scenario that mirrors a coordinated response to a natural disaster. Participating diving units of WPNS nations will be tasked to conduct undersea geographic assessments in order to reopen ports so that humanitarian aid can commence.

Participating nations include Australia, Canada, Chile, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Singapore, United Kingdom, and the United States. **(PR)**



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-17-032

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF ENGINE LUBE OILS FOR POWER GENERATION

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the supply and delivery of engine lubricating oils for CUC Power Generation facilities on Saipan and Rota for the period starting September 01, 2017 through August 30, 2020.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-service will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on **June 1, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC-RFP-17-032, Supply & Delivery Of Engine Lube Oils for Power Generation” to the **CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950**, no later than **June 23, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor’s preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contract may be subject to the approval CPUC and will not be effective until receipt of such approval.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor’s Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on June 5, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, Utility Coordinator for Power via email venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org and Antonio Castro, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email antonio.castro@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN, JR.
Purchasing Administrator



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-17-033 NMC SEWER LINE UPGRADE (S-14-035)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the replacement and upgrade of sewer line in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists, in general of the replacement of asbestos cement pipe (ACP) in the area of Northern Mariana College, Fina Sisú. The work shall be done not to disrupt the daily operation of the sewer discharge. The Project is to replace approximately ± 750 LF of existing 8-inch ACP; ± 20 LF of 10-inch force main, existing service lateral exploration work, 4-inch service lateral connections and clean-outs, installation of new concrete sewer manhole installation and abandonment of existing sewer manhole, installation and monitoring of wastewater temporary by-pass pumping system and road restoration.

This project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **200 calendar** days from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **June 14, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC-IFB-17-033, NMC Sewer Line Upgrade”, to the **CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950**, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on June 30, 2017**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor’s preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier’s check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers’ questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI’s Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI’s Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on June 16, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator- via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Birhen Martinez, CUC Water/Wastewater Senior Engineer – via email address birhen.martinez@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant-via email address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and to waive any defects in said bid documents, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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Young people beautify Marianas

Young people looking for an opportunity to support tourism this summer and raise some money while doing so are invited to join the Marianas Visitors Authority's Beautify My Marianas program.

Last Saturday, June 3, Kag-

man youth from the Grace Christian Assembly collected 160 lbs of trash at Marine Beach and Tank Beach.

"We picked up a lot of trash such as plastic bags that were buried in the sand, bottle caps, broken glass, glass bottles,

and pipes," said Ellaizah Gail Manalang in the group's post-cleanup report.

On the same day 670 Sonics Basketball Club collected 60 lbs of trash during their cleanup from Oleai Beach to Sugar Dock.

"The basketball players were surprised and sad to see how much people littered around our beautiful beaches," the club said in their report. "However, they felt happy in the end that they were part of something posi-

tive in helping protect our beautiful coastal areas."

Participating club players were Christopher Lagmay, Sean Apasan, Rafael Ordon, Novell Dico, and Bryan De Guzman. Participants from GCA Kagman youth were Manalang, Leah Fabila, Karina Dilse, Kimmie Dilse, Kaley Dilse, Alisha Joakim, Aaron John Libut, Roxanne Gumabay, Kimiko Tenorio,

and Joshua Tenorio.

Beautify My Marianas offers \$100 to students or other groups that collect trash over 1 mile in an assigned area. For more information on Beautify My Marianas or an application, visit the MVA homepage at www.mymarianas.com. Groups must apply to participate and document their cleanup with a written report, list of participants, and photos. **(MVA)**



Kagman youth members of the Grace Christian Assembly collected 160 lbs of trash at Marine Beach and Tank Beach on June 3, 2017, under the Marianas Visitors Authority's Beautify My Marianas program.

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670 Sonics Basketball Club collected 60 lbs of trash from Oleai Beach to Sugar Dock on June 3, 2017, under the Marianas Visitors Authority's Beautify My Marianas program.

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Environmental sustainability focus of upcoming confab

In anticipation of the 29th Pacific Island Environment Conference in June, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is encouraging more of the community to engage in dialogue for environmental issues affecting the Pacific region and learn about ongoing efforts to promote sustainable development.

According to Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality administrator Frank Rabauliman, every other year, local environmental agencies of CNMI, Guam and American Samoa sponsor an environment conference to discuss and share the latest on various environmental issues in the region.

"As a small community, we are susceptible to natural disasters and must make changes to our infrastructure. With increased development and climate changes, public participation in environmental is important. Our region presents unique environmental challenges especially when we must balance supporting an island economy and preserving natural resources for the next generation," Torres said.

Registration is available online and now open at <https://goo.gl/9dZkEk>. The conference will be held on Saipan at the Saipan World Resort on June 13, 14 and 15.

The goal of the 29th confer-

ence is to engage the attendees with environmental issues and continue the dialogue in sustaining our environment while encouraging development to support our island economy with each day bringing focus to climate change impacts, sustainable development and public health risks.

"The theme of this year's conference is 'A Sustainable Pacific: Preparing for Change, Voyaging with Knowledge.' The conference agenda will focus on climate change and island resilience, approaches to sustainable development, and the connections between public health and the environment. The conference will feature distinguished professionals from the U.S. mainland and Pacific region and will be an excellent opportunity for the community to learn from experts on environmental management in other jurisdictions," Rabauliman said.

Attendees include participants from local governments, elected officials, non-profit and community-based organizations, private sector representatives, professional and university researchers, and others who have a role to play in Pacific Island environmental issues.

For more information, log on to www.deq.gov.mp or www.crm.gov.mp. **(PR)**

Summer at the Hyatt

Summer season is here!

Hyatt Regency Saipan is inviting the public to share in fun-filled activities this summer. To start the season, Hyatt will celebrate the Filipino Independence Day and host a scrumptious Father's Day spread.

In commemoration of the 119th anniversary of Philippine Independence Day, Kili Café & Terrace will host a Mabuhay Fiesta buffet dinner on Friday, June 9, 2017, starting at 6:30pm. Enjoy the festivities with dance performances from Saipan Music and Dance Company as they perform cultural dances in the hotel lobby and at the Kili Café & Terrace outlet.

The cultural buffet will feature regional specialties and a few of the popular, ethnic cuisines. The honoring buffet dinner will include free-flowing beer, iced-tea and red and white wines. The price for the Mabuhay Fiesta dinner buffet is \$55. Dinner will be served from 6pm to 9pm. For reservations, call 234-1234 Ext. 26.

Pre-Father's Day buffet

To celebrate Father's Day weekend, treat your Dad to a Miyako Pre-Father's Day dinner. All fathers will receive a complimentary glass of shochu mojito along with their dinner feasts on Saturday, June 17, from 6pm to 9pm. Price for this fabulous pre-Father's Day dinner is \$55 per person. **(PR)**

High court welcomes summer law externs

Two law students will be working at the CNMI Supreme Court this summer as law externs after completing their first year of law school.

Gordon Anderson of the University of California Davis School of Law and Charles William Hoff of the University of Texas School of Law (Austin) will be closely assisting the justices in legal research and writing over the summer.

Anderson, originally from Los Angeles, earned a bachelor's degree in English from the University of California, Los Angeles. He is a certified volleyball coach and hopes to

practice international law after he obtains his juris doctor degree in 2019.

Hoff also attended UCLA where he earned a bachelor's degree in Philosophy in 2015. He is a proficient reader of Mandarin and French and has years of experience as a sound-mixer engineer. He is a member of the Texas Business Law Society and Texas Law Pro Bono Pledge.

"Over the past decade the Supreme Court has welcomed law students to learn firsthand about the role of appellate courts in the justice system," said Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro. "In addition, we



Gordon Anderson.

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encourage the students to observe trial court proceedings, such as jury trials, arraignments, and motions hearings."

The high court requires the students to complete a writing project during their externship. **(NMI Judiciary)**

Ferrer graduates from basic military training

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Rayven A. Ferrer graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Ferrer is the son of Rene Ulysses and Rayda Ferrer of Saipan. He is a 2014 graduate of Saipan Southern High School. *(PR)*

Celebrating the legacy of Pacific women

SUVA, Fiji—In conjunction with its 70th anniversary this year, the Secretariat of the Pacific Community pays tribute to the important role of Pacific women in improving lives and is inviting the public from across the region to participate in a campaign to celebrate the legacy of Pacific women. SPC is calling for submissions to help identify 70 women or groups of women who have made a significant contribution to the social, economic, cultural and political development in Pacific countries and territories. The 70 successful submissions will be shared via SPC’s corporate media platforms in the build-up to the 13th Triennial Conference of Pacific Women, to be held in Suva, Fiji in October this year. Submissions close on July 15, 2017. *(PR)*

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Chamber meeting today

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will gave a general membership meeting today, June 7, at the Saipan World Resort’s Royal Taga Ballroom. The group will also hold its annual scholarship awarding. Luncheon begins at 11:30am and the meeting starts promptly at noon. There will also be a brief presentation from Northern Marianas Business Alliance Corp. The day’s speakers will include Cathryn Javier, 2016 scholarship recipient; Glen Hunter, SYP mentor and The Shack owner; Rosalyn Ajoste, Saipan Southern High School librarian and SYP member; and Kristal Johnson, SYP member and 2016 Koblerville Elementary School Teacher of the Year. *(PR)*

2017 Pistang Pinoy this Sunday

In celebration of the 119th Philippine Independence Day, the United Filipino Organization, in collaboration with the office of Philippine honorary consul to the CNMI, will be hosting the Independence Day festival, Pistang Pinoy, on Sunday, June 11, starting from 7pm to 10pm, at the Marianas Business Plaza. The festivities will include live entertainment, game contests, a Pinoy photo gallery, a bounce house for the children, a boodle fight-eating area, and more. There will be a raffle drawing on the night of the festival, with the grand prize winner getting a roundtrip ticket to the Philippines Food vendors will also be present at the festival. There will also be vendors for novelty items. The highlight of the night will be the awarding of “Batang Pinoy, Batang Saipan.” During this segment of the festival, 14 young achievers will be recognized and awarded.

Comments sought on marine monument

The U.S. Department of the Interior secretary has been tasked by President Donald Trump under Executive Order 13792, issued on April 25, 2017, to conduct a review of national monuments. Public comments are being sought regarding the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument. Deadline for comments is due July 10, 2017. To submit online comments, go to <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/05/11/2017-09490/review-of-certain-national-monuments-established-since-1996-notice-of-opportunity-for-public-comment>. Click on the "Submit a Formal Comment" green box on the right column. *(PR)*

Free business seminar

The Small Business Development Center will be offering a free business seminar about business structures at the Commonwealth Development Authority boardroom on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at from 8:30am to 9:30am. It will be presented by Gregory J. Koebel, a partner of the O’Connor Berman Dotts & Banes law firm. This seminar is supported by the CNMI Depart-

ment of Commerce and CDA. To register, contact the SBDC office at (670) 664-3018 or visit <http://pisbdcn.ecenterdirect.com/events>. *(PR)*

Cancer survivors, caregivers support meeting

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association, Inc. support meeting on Thursday, June 8, starting at 5:30pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan Giovanni’s Room. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com. *(PR)*

Air Force training at Farallon de Medinilla

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- June 6-7, from 8:30am to 4:30pm
- June 8, from 7:30am to noon
- June 9, from 9:30am to 1:30pm

The public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated. The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be in a 12-nautical mile radius of the island. *(PR)*

Notice to Prior Service Trust Fund beneficiaries

This notice applies to the Prior Service Trust Fund beneficiaries who are having their monthly benefit checks directly deposited to their account at Bank of Guam. Effective yesterday, June 1, 2017, Bank of Guam will no longer perform this service for you. In the interim, until PSTF can establish an automatic deposit clearing, PSTF will be mailing your benefit check to your mailing address on file. Contact the PSTF Administration Office at telephone number 322-9753 to confirm your current mailing address by June 1, 2017. The PSTF office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8am to noon and from 1pm to 5pm. *(PR)*

One-day Task & Management training

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce and Island Training Solutions invites the public to a Task & Time Management seminar on Thursday, June 15, from 9am to 12pm at the Chamber’s conference room at the Marianas Business Plaza Suite 315. The training will help you establish goals, communicate effectively, and meet deadlines, attain skills to balance home and work and learn effective techniques to increase productivity. Training fee is \$50 for Chamber member and \$55 fore non-member. Seats are limited. For more information call 234-7150 or email coordinator@saipanchamber.com. *(SCC)*



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Please go to <http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/CCR-2016.pdf> to view what contaminants were detected in your water in 2016 and to learn more about your drinking water. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water.

If you need the report translated, wish to speak with someone about the report, or would like a paper copy delivered or emailed to you, please call CUC at (670) 664-4282.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-17-023, Rev.2

OEM—Assessment & Preventative Maintenance Services for the Diesel Engine Systems at CUC Power Plant No. 1, Saipan

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for OEM-Assessment & Preventive Maintenance Services (PMS) for the Diesel engine systems at CUC Saipan Power Plant No. 1, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks responses from qualified ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS (OEMs) or their authorized licensees from which CUC intends to select the most responsive proposer to negotiate the final scope of work and enter into a contract agreement that best fit CUC’s requirements. The term for the initial contract is for a period of ONE (1) year which may be extended or renewed upon mutual agreement.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on **June 15, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to the CUC Power Plant No. 1 facility will be conducted. Prospective Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-service will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC-RFP-17-023, Rev. 2, OEM-Assessment & PMS for the Diesel engine systems at CUC Saipan Power Plant 1, Saipan” to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than July 7, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A *Proposal Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier’s check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers’ questions, concerns and qualification shall be administered by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI’s Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI’s Insurance Code.*

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor’s preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor’s Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: <https://marianaslabor.net/>. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on June 19, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Utility Coordinator for Power via email venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org, Richard Cano, CUC Power Generation Manager via email richard.cano@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLÁN, Jr.
Purchasing Administrator

Opinion

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EDITORIAL

China makes a bold move with Kenyan railway

Kenyan and Chinese officials last Wednesday inaugurated a 290-mile-long railway built and largely financed by the Chinese between Kenya's and East Africa's busiest port, Mombasa, and Kenya's capital and financial and commercial center, Nairobi.

The Chinese also recently opened another important railway line between Djibouti, further up the East African coast, a country with America's only military base in Africa, and another key African country, Ethiopia. Ethiopia is landlocked and, thus, the link to Djibouti is critical to the advancement of its economy.

There is a slight tendency on the part of Americans to weep and moan about the increasingly large role that China is playing in Africa. Its activities are also growing in Latin America, the U.S. backyard. There is also a slight tendency to suggest that the active Chinese economic, financial and commercial role in these areas is somehow unfair. At the same time, there is virtually nothing that prevents American firms and banks from competing actively for these markets, for these opportunities.

One might suggest that what is missing now is the old, admired "Yankee trader" mentality, whatever it was that drove Americans across the centuries to push hard to build and to be active in pursuit of markets. Sub-Saharan Africa, for example, is a still not particularly exploited market of 1 billion people. Its infrastructure needs are virtually limitless.

China, now, can be said to have excess capacity. On the other hand, the first Chinese traders came to the east coast of Africa in the 15th century. A bronze statue of a Chinese admiral of that period adorned the Nairobi-Mombasa railroad when it was inaugurated by Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta, the son of the father of Kenya, Jomo Kenyatta.

The railroad itself responds to a profound need for infrastructure on the part not only of Kenyans, but also of the people of some five neighboring countries, to which plans indicate that the railway, the Madaraka Express, will eventually be extended. These include Burundi, Ethiopia, Rwanda, South Sudan and Uganda, linking all of them to financial center Nairobi and port Mombasa.

The railroad is criticized as expensive at \$3.2 billion, more than 80 percent loaned to Kenya, including by China's export-import bank. The Chinese were also accused of using too many Chinese to build it and to run it for the first five years, while Kenyans are being trained as engineers and managers. On the other hand, it took only two years to build, some over rough country. It is hard to imagine how many years Americans would take to build a 290-mile rail line.

America has in recent years had the bad habit of fighting expensive wars instead of building expensive railroads.

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Paris accord relies on faulty logic

The Paris accord's fate was sealed a year prior to its negotiation, at the little-noticed Lima climate conference of 2014. There, diplomats abandoned their decades-long pursuit of a binding agreement that would commit the world to substantial reductions in greenhouse-gas emissions. A new process of "pledge and review," they determined, would govern future talks.

Under this process, each country would submit an "Intended Nationally Determined Contribution," or INDC, and the sum of those pledges would constitute the "agreement." No standards would govern these INDCs, which could promise great achievements or nothing at all. Countries could modify these INDCs at will. There would be no consequences for falling short.

Thus, when negotiators reached Paris in December 2015, there was surprisingly little to talk about—and certainly no question whether an "agreement" would be reached. Almost every country had submitted something, and the delegates lacked standing to scrutinize or challenge those submissions; haggling centered on details of the requirement that everyone return each year and evaluate progress.

The theory behind "pledge and review" was that participants would each want to act provided all others acted too, and that peer pressure would lead to stronger pledges over time. That logic, however, relied on a misunderstanding of what really motivates developing nations. Their rapidly rising energy consumption will account for an overwhelming majority of greenhouse-gas emissions this century. They are pursuing economic growth as rapidly as possible, and in most cases, fossil-fuel infrastructure remains the cheapest and easiest source of energy for such growth.

Significantly altering these nations' emissions trajectories requires that they slow their growth. Arguments that renewable energy already makes economic sense are beside the point; where that is the case, nations will adopt them without international treaties.

The premise of a negotiated agreement is to adopt policies that do conflict with economic imperatives for the sake of emissions cuts. Understandably, developing nations whose populations do not yet have access to reliable energy find this trade-off unappealing, and that's true regardless of whether the United States and Europe take bold action or ignore the climate problem.

This direct tension between expanding energy access and reducing emissions, which is unavoidable given the constraints of current technology, always has been central to climate policy—and to the failure of efforts at international cooperation. But Paris did not solve this problem; it simply ignored it by abandoning the expectation of substantive commitments.

Its breakthrough was not in lifting nations up to higher levels of ambition, but rather in dropping expectations to the lowest common denominator.

What about peer pressure? Developing nations submitted uniformly meaningless commitments. China promised to reach peak emission around 2030, right when it was expected to anyway.

By OREN CASS

Los Angeles Times

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India made no emissions commitment but pledged to improve its energy efficiency, less quickly than it already was improving. Many countries offered no meaningful baseline for comparison. Pakistan only "committed to reduce its emissions after reaching peak levels to the extent possible." Yet no one complained.

To the contrary, the United States and the EU, U.N. leaders, climate activists and commentators all bent over backward to emphasize this unprecedented success in bringing the world together. Rather than face criticism for pledges to do nothing, countries received applause. A refusal to take climate action seriously earned the activists' seal of approval. Getting the deal, any deal, became the entire point.

This expediency had several disastrous consequences. First, it left the world committed to a global climate accord that did not address climate change. Analysis at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology indicated that full compliance with all pledges would reduce temperatures in the year 2100 by only 0.2 degrees Celsius, and even that may have been generous.

Second, it left the United States exposed.

When nations reassembled each year to review commitments, what would they find? Those that had submitted the weakest pledges would appear to be on track or even ahead. But President Obama had promised progress from the American people beyond what even his own policies likely would bring about.

We would be the ones making real efforts and incurring real costs, yet we would be the ones chastised for failing to deliver.

This dynamic is already playing out. Pundits are lauding China for achieving peak emissions far sooner than they pledged, without interrogating whether this says more about the country's progress or its pledge. Meanwhile, EU leaders look down their noses at the United States, even as their emissions rise and U.S. emissions fall.

Why would the United States remain party to such an agreement? We shouldn't have accepted its terms in the first place, and in an important sense, we didn't. The U.S. Constitution requires the Senate to approve any treaty by a two-thirds supermajority, in part to prevent a president from making rash, politically motivated promises on the international stage that lack consensus support back home. Obama, knowing he did not have the Senate's consent, chose to push ahead anyway. If reversing that mistake enrages some foreign diplomats, they have only themselves and their former negotiating partners in the Obama administration to blame.

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Pinadesi giya paraisu

By **JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**

Special to the Saipan Tribune



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Bes enkuando, hu rikononose kinalamten man-otdinaru na tautau-ta para bai pesa kualidat linala' niha diariu.

Lamegai man-mamatmos gi sisonyan pinepble. Sin inbatgu, mapañot pinadesin niha gi hilu' sensian ayudu gi entalu' familia. Estague' na kutturan tanu' muna' fan lilibre i tautau-ta gi halum mattiru siha esta pa'gu na tiempu.

Ti estrañheru-yu' pinadesin popble sa' ennau na chalan 'nai malofan-yu' ya tat to'lañg ni fuetsau mana' pañoty' tihu dime-moria. Ti bai atrebi-yu' bumanidosuye i asuntu sa' un' sumen popblen guma' yu' 'nai mapogsai. Naturatmiente na mas chettun inatanhu gi man-chatsaga ke man-gefsaga. Gaigeyu' kontentu gi primet na tropa.

Todu pinadesi guine mau' udai gi diskuidun man-ma'gas umatende sattun sustansiau siha na asuntu pot linala' i tautau. Piot ya man-eyag rinikohen "chenchule", magpu' interes niha gi publiku nui marepresenta. Mas ha lotge buchin niha de hemunos kau chafleg i publiku.

Kada dos años man-atulaika sapatu. Guaha 'nai akague finenina. Lau gigon mataña' asukat chenchule' magpu' i sattun na kinimite gi tautau siha. Dios mihu!

Inebalua: Sige hu ebalua haf' na sessu masge' offresimientun niha. Kau gaige defuktu gi tinahong edukasion ayu na ti makomprende i asuntu? Ke lau man-offresi hau satbasion linala' i linahyan. Malag manu ennau na offresimientomu?

'Nai hu bisitan maisayu'

Segundu gradu uttimu leksion mame gi finu' Chamorro. Pa'gu in' tutuhun man-manaitai estorian Maria yan Jose, bakasion i eskuela.

Desde tres gradu man-eyag ham finu' Eñglis. Adahe na animu. Kontodu ga' mame babue, manog, chiba yan tatneru gi lan-chu in' finu' Eñglilisi.

Taya' otu lugat 'nai mana' setbi finu' Chamorro solu dottrina gi preparasion primet komuñion. Maliñgu i finu' Chamorro gi espehus santatte.

Sin ditension, hu disidi mettun gi 1972 para bai fañgge' gi finu' Chamorro pot liñguahi-hu. Pot taya' lepbu taimanu mañg-

ge' finu' Chamorro hu tutuhun manaitai lepbun kantan Guma' Yuus yan sattun na kombetsasion yan mañainahu.

Kontodu disision kotte ni man-mapluma gi finu' Chamorro ni 'nos kuantos jues natibu hu atetuye tumaitai. Ansianu-yu' lumi'e taimanu pegan niha ni palabra siha. Adumididi' sige umeyag-yu' mañgge' maseha matotompu' tinige' hu.

Saina: Sige mona, hu soda' na mampos popble i finu' Chamorro gi madeskriben maseha haf' na asuntu. Maliñgu megai gi liñguahita gi halum mattirun inafuetsas kuattru na nasion.

Mit gracias para i antigu na mañainata ni umusune ñañgon na finu' Chamorro sa' solu sahyar 'nai siña man-atuñgu' pot satbasion.

Mauleg ta tuñgu' na dispues de Asension, gi primet ha' anen Pentekostes I Espiritu Santo pumatte todú i tanu' kada unu liñguahita. Kumeke ileghu ginen i Saina-ta i liñguahita finu' Chamorro!

Bisita: Ala kuenta hu bisitan maisayu' para bai komprende kabales i liñguahe, kuttura yan tradision tanu'. Este na pisu solu satbasion gi ma-abiban sustansian yan futtunan natibu.

Hu guadog tatte finapos mañaina-ta, malabidan nasion siha guine, manu 'nai mangaige hit yan haf' mauleg para ta pet-sige 'nai siña tapan manguife ta' lu mañge' na guinifen tautau isla. Kumeke ileghu todú disposision u fattu ginen hita mismu ni tautau tanu'.

Raya: I natibu mafañagu gi un' dikiki' na isla yan dañkulun tasi. Patte i dos lugat giya guiya naturat. I tanu' para mananum, i tasi para kumarera yan peska. Taya' rayan natibu gi tasi soluke finatinas 'nos kuantos nasion pot asuntun militat.

I usun dañkulun tasi hagas ma-usa ni natibu para kumarera para otu siha isla yan peskan chagu'. Chalan i tasi para i natibu.

Man-dueñu hit parehu tasi yan tanu'. Maila' ta adahe este siha na rekueddu ginen i Saina.

Kuatdrante: 'Nai tapoñga kumondena un' prohimu pot lin-achiña manmalefa hit na hita mismu mangai mancha. Pot todú manlalachi mina' mauleg na un' husgan maisa hau kau propiu para un' fañgondena otu tautau.

Guaha justisia yan lai ginen hilu'. Haf' na para un' saunau gi asuntu 'nai unna' kuatdrau mampos kuatdrante-mu? Na haye in' tiñgu' tai mancha? Kau ni isau orihinat ti pinalala'e hau? Manu 'nai un' soda' ennau na benta?

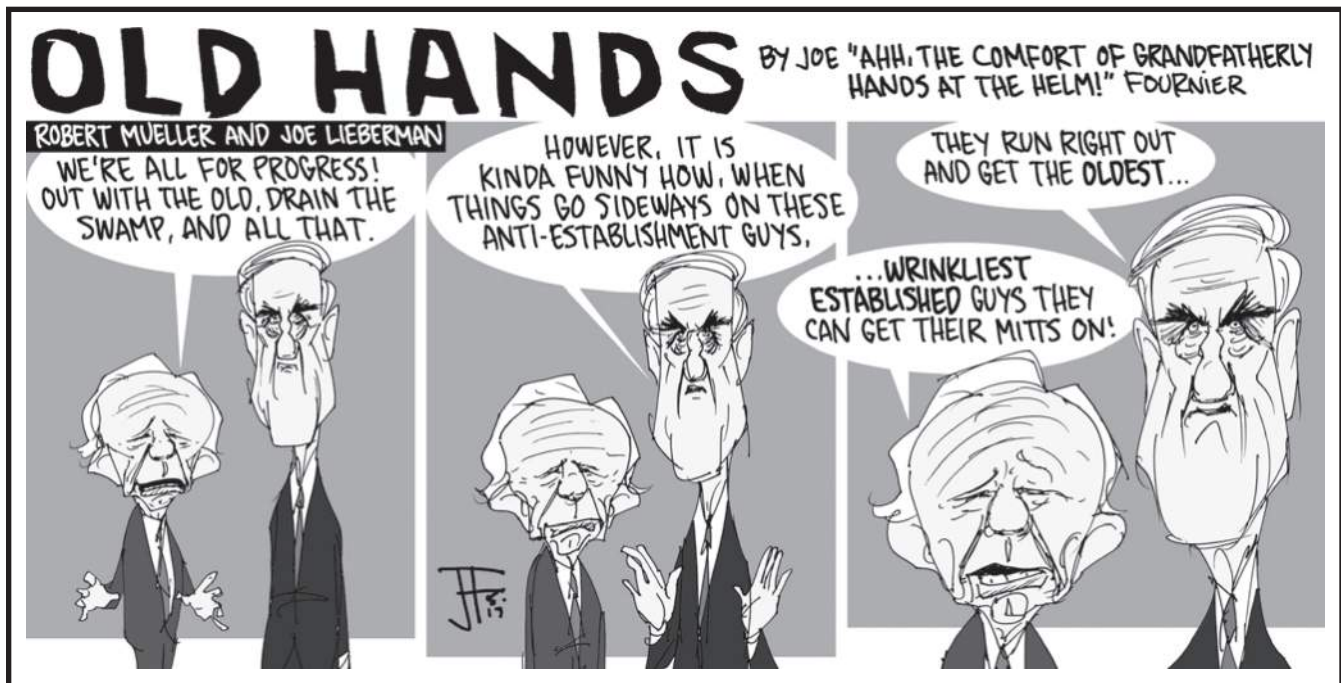
Neñkanu: Megai pumadedesi chenot daibites (Type Two) 'nai man-madeta' gi manadan neñkanu'. Huñgan, utut amanu i siña usun asukat. I asukat gaige un' manada gi hinegsa', pan, paste, yan soft drinks. Utut este siha na usu.

Ti maprohibe hau chumochu otu lau lokue' muñga magulusune (ambientuye). Gigon satisfechu paladat-mu, na' para! Gai piniligr manadan inadahe gi haf' ti siña takanu'.

Uttimoña, doku' otu chinatsaga sa' hagu mismu muna' malañgu hau pot un' utut todú mangai alimientu na neñkanu'. Chochu regulatmiente sin un' gulusune sa' felis siempre ha' ani-mu.

Taduñg: Guaha 'nai masañgane-yu' na taduñg na finu' Chamorro hu u'sa. Lache este na mansañgan. Ti mapot na finu' Chamorro tinigege' hu. Kase gaige chinatsaga gi ti regulat na usu gi palabra diariu.

Pot ihemplu: Gi finagpu' misan kompliaños matai masañgane hau na i "kumida" para i gima' kompaire-mu. Haf' kumida? Chage lokue' i sigiente: kaleru, katderu, abiu, abahu, achamcham, adañgua, afgue, agaole, aguanta, aguet, akaleñg, akkaga, alikates, amamañg, ambre, amasohan, amtau, ansianu, antohu, yan apura.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The demons of the past

Let us have an open conversation regarding issues affecting our people of the Commonwealth today. So we begin with the issue of gambling. While the unequivocal and distinctive expressed will, on two separate occasions, of the people of Saipan was conveniently and selfishly defied by our elected leaders, gambling is now the law of the land. The signing of the casino gambling legislation was preceded by the speedy approval from the Saipan Lottery Commission of Best Sunshine International, Ltd.'s 25-year exclusive casino application.

As law-abiding citizens and no matter what our personal dispositions are with respect to gambling, we should be respectful of the law. Respect for the law of the land does not necessarily imply agreement with or acceptance of the idea that gambling is the best of our economic development choices. However, since Republican Party members have exclusive control of the votes, they inevitably control the legislative agenda. Thus House Bill 18-179, HD4 became Public Law 18-38 by the signature of the governor in 2015.

One and a half years later the implementation of the casino legislation by the exclusive license holder, Best Sunshine International, and the rosy prediction of our leaders are now marred with severe federal violations, including criminal charges. No one should be celebrating these kinds of results, but our citizens should

hold our leaders accountable for this unfortunate outcome.

Since our leaders made the decision to defy the will of the people of Saipan and extend "full faith and credit" of the CNMI on the casino industry, a fragile type of economic investment, they have a fiduciary and legal responsibility to monitor proper compliance of all applicable laws. However, it appears that responsible government agencies failed to provide such critical leadership and appropriate advice and consent. Accepting economic benefits without accounting for its corresponding responsibility is not prudent leadership. Prudence is not paralysis. It is strength of character when it leads us to things in a judicious way.

The Torres administration and the Republican leaderships did a great injustice to Best Sunshine International. For all the money BSI disbursed, the company should not be in this predicament at all. If only appropriate due diligence were applied, incorruptible decision were made and proper guidance were the principal mode of operation, federal interventions would not have been necessary. Best Sunshine International's schedule of operation would have been pretty much on target but complacency and ineptitude overshadowed the judicious execution of policy enforcements.

Now that federal microscopic oversight is taking place, and they are not leaving anytime soon, Best Sunshine International could not now do what it intended to do. The kinds of gambling norms done in Macau or other Asian countries cannot now

be done here in the CNMI. Federal intervention was not part of BSI's economic calculations but now that that is happening, the dynamic has unwittingly changed. The local government and its leaders are to blame for this federal intervention issue. This administration has just committed the most inexcusable act of betrayal to Best Sunshine International. This is tantamount to dereliction of duty.

Our dreadful experiences in the 80's have a paradoxical semblance to the issue of gambling and the associated adverse activities that we are seeing now. Like in the '80s foreign workers were brought in in huge numbers. Abuse of foreign workers in the '80s became the cause of our dispute with the federal government and the subsequent decision of Congress to exercise its plenary powers by taking over our control of immigration and the passage of U.S. Public Law 110-229.

It should not come as a total surprise to anyone if local officials are implicated in violation of our Government Ethics Code (PL 8-11) and other federal infractions, just as it was in the '80s when the then-director of Labor was charged and convicted of federal offenses. We don't seem to learn and be guided by our historical past. We have a hope of succeeding if we can only learn from our past mistakes and pull together to make the hard choices.

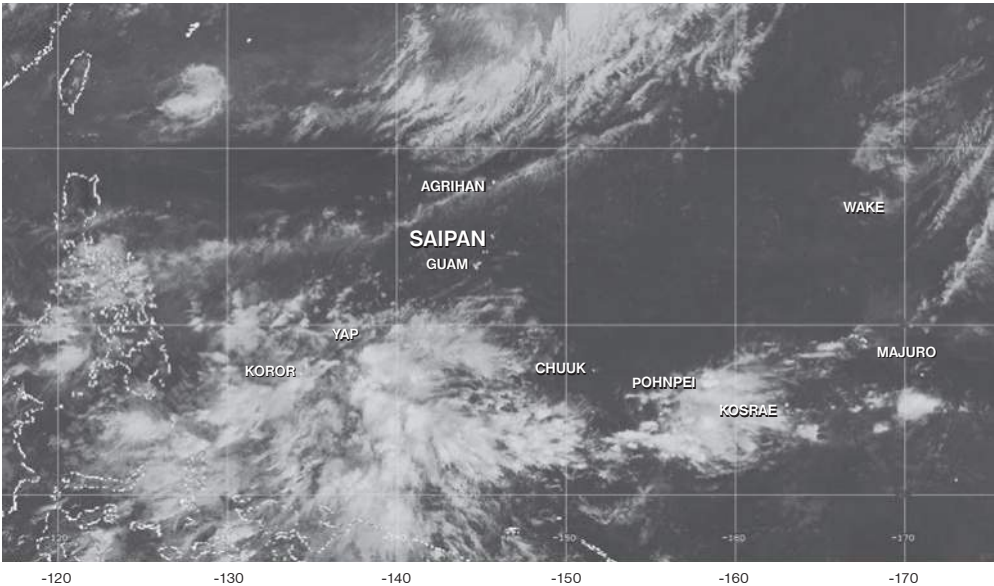
Daniel O. Quitugua
Kannat Tabla, Saipan

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 5:42 AM, TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2017
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

No changes made to the forecast. Morning satellite imagery showed a few showers over the Marianas. Satellite Water Vapor imagery this morning is a bit different than 24 hours ago. The imagery showed that an upper-level low formed just south of Guam and was located near 12N144E before sunrise. The upper-low is associated with a slight increase in moisture over the Marianas. This is evident in the precipitable water index, a measure of deep layer moisture, as the index increased from 1.81 inches yesterday morning to 2.01 inches last night. Despite the increase do not expect significant change in the dry conditions over the local area, with partly cloudy skies and isolated showers prevailing.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Partly cloudy	90 80 °F
Palau	Thunderstorms	85 79 °F
Yap	Cloudy	87 73 °F
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	87 80 °F
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	84 79 °F
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	84 80 °F
Majuro	Partly cloudy	85 80 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly cloudy	60 47 °F
Beijing	Thunderstorms	88 76 °F
Hong Kong	Partly cloudy	87 81 °F
Honolulu	Sunny	85 73 °F
London	Partly cloudy	66 57 °F
Los Angeles	Partly cloudy	76 60 °F
Manila	Thunderstorms	88 79 °F
Melbourne	Sunny	55 41 °F
Miami	Thunderstorms	85 77 °F
New York	Cloudy	59 53 °F
Osaka	Cloudy	72 67 °F
Paris	Partly cloudy	69 54 °F
Pusan	Overcast	75 59 °F
Rome	Partly cloudy	84 62 °F
Salem	Partly cloudy	82 53 °F
San Francisco	Sunny	66 53 °F
Seoul	Cloudy	69 58 °F
Tokyo	Cloudy	74 67 °F
Washington, DC	Rain	67 55 °F

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UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
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OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	ZE581	10:10am	3:55pm	Daily
TW308	2:35am	6:20am	6, 7	TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	7
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1, 2, 3
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
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UO43	4:40am	8:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7	HX076	5:50pm	12:45am+1	3, 7
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Business

Trump seeks to privatize US air traffic control system

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump said Monday that the nation's air traffic control system needed a modern makeover and urged Congress to approve a privatization plan that he said would increase safety and reduce wait times for passengers.

Dismissing the current system as an anachronism, Trump said the air traffic control operations needed to be separated from the Federal Aviation Administration, an approach that U.S. airlines have long championed. But opponents worry that the plan, which would require congressional approval, will give too much power to the airline industries.

"We live in a modern age yet our air traffic control system is stuck, painfully, in the past," Trump said, noting the FAA had been working to upgrade the system for years. "But after billions and billions of tax dollars spent and the many years of delays, we're



AP
In this March 16, 2017 photo, air traffic controllers work in the tower at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York.

Justice Department's handling of his proposed travel ban.

There are about 50,000 airline and other aircraft flights a day in the United States. Both sides of the privatization debate say the system is one of the most complex and safest in the world. Even under a congressional privatization plan, the FAA would continue to provide safety oversight of the system.

As he pushed for the changes, Trump was flanked by three former U.S. transportation secretaries who served under Presidents Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush: Elizabeth Dole, James Burnley and Mary Peters.

The president's team invited several Republican members of Congress, including Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy of California, airline industry executives, union members and others to the event in the East Room.

Creating the impression of a bill signing, Trump was surrounded by the lawmakers after his remarks as he signed a decision memo and a letter to Congress outlining his principles for the air traffic control plan.

Q: Our manager allows people to bring their personal problems to work. She babies these employees and seems to favor those who whine and cry the most. Her decisions are not based on logic, but on feeling sorry for people, which is extremely frustrating.

Although I have confronted my boss about her tolerance of this unprofessional behavior, I can't seem to get through to her. I've tried to make her see that she is letting these crybabies manipulate her emotionally, but she refuses to change. Do you have any suggestions?

A: This is where we learn that "managing up" does not mean telling your boss what to do. Even when constructive feedback is both warranted and well-intentioned, critiquing someone in a power position can be risky. Managers seldom respond well to pointed criticism from their employees.

However, restraint does not require you to stifle all opinions. Your comments simply need to be less impulsive and more strategic. Instead of continuing to disparage your empathic boss's personality, focus on the business issues created by her lenience. Here's an example of the difference:

Personal criticism: "I noticed that lately you've been allowing Mary to go home early. You've just fallen for her sob story, which isn't fair to the rest of us. You always

YOUR OFFICE COACH

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'Managing up' can be tricky

baby people and let them take advantage of you."

Business issue: "Mary has been leaving early this week, so I thought you should know that this will probably cause us to fall behind on the XYZ project. If she can't work a regular schedule, then we need to figure out how to compensate for her absence."

Based on your description, I assume the main concern is that these management decisions aren't going your way. So consider this: to influence a boss who emphasizes personal relationships, you must make every effort to have a good relationship with her yourself. In this situation, that would be the intelligent approach to "managing up".

Q: My manager appears to have abandoned her position, leaving me alone in the office. Several months ago, I was hired as the administrative assistant for two housing developments. As the site manager for both properties, my boss splits her time between the two, while

I stay at the larger one.

For the past three weeks, I have had no contact with my manager. She never comes into this office, and when I call the other property, I always get her voice mail. I have no idea who she reports to, because these developments are owned by a large corporation in another state.

Since I have no authority to order repairs or resolve problems, the tenants are becoming frustrated and resentful. I'm trying to find another job, but what should I do about this one?

A: First, you must inform the appropriate people about your boss's strange disappearance. This "large corporation" must have a website with a phone number, so call them and ask for the human resources department. The HR manager should be able to provide some immediate direction. After that, finding more stable employment should definitely become your top priority.

still stuck with an ancient, broken, antiquated, horrible system that doesn't work."

Trump added with a touch of humor, "Other than that, it's quite good."

The businessman-turned-president's push to privatize the system came as the airline industry and regulators have managed an extensive period of safety in the skies - there hasn't been a fatal crash of a

domestic airliner in the U.S. in eight years.

Trump chose to make the case to privatize the system at the start of a week focused on repairing the nation's infrastructure of roads, bridges and airports. But his message was overshadowed by his earlier commentary on Twitter, in which he assailed the mayor of London after the city's terror attack and criticized his own

US to China: Free men who probed shoemaker for Ivanka Trump

WASHINGTON (AP)—The State Department called Monday for the immediate release of three labor activists who investigated a Chinese company that produced Ivanka Trump shoes in China. The Associated Press reported that the men were arrested or went missing last week.

The activists were working with China Labor Watch, a New York-based nonprofit, and investigating Huajian Group factories in the southern Chinese cities of Ganzhou and Dongguan.

The company has denied allegations of excessive overtime and low wages. It says it stopped producing Ivanka Trump shoes months ago.

A lawyer for one of the activists said all three men were being held at the Ganzhou City Detention Center in China's Jiangxi province and that he had been blocked from seeing his client, Hua Haifeng, on Monday and Tuesday morning.

The lawyer, Wen Yu, said authorities at the detention center told him Monday that "an accident happened in Hua

Haifeng's cell," without providing further details.

He said that after waiting more than eight hours Monday, he was allowed to see his client for "less than one minute."

"I rushed to him and told him, 'I'm the lawyer hired by your wife,'" he said. Then police took him away. Yu added that Hua looked fine and managed a smile before police escorted him out.

Yu said that he was told the case was being handled by a national security team, rather than a criminal police squad. "This is strange because it is a small case," he said.

Up to now, the U.S. government hadn't said anything about the fate of the men.

"We urge China to release them immediately and otherwise afford them the judicial and fair trial protections to which they are entitled," said Alicia Edwards, a State Department spokeswoman.

Edwards would not confirm if the U.S. raised the issue directly with China, saying she couldn't comment on diplomatic conversations. White

House spokesman Josh Raffel declined comment.

Ivanka Trump's brand has declined to comment on the allegations or the arrest and disappearances. Marc Fisher, which produces shoes for Ivanka Trump and other brands, has said it is looking into the allegations. Ivanka Trump's lifestyle brand imports most of its merchandise from China, trade data show. She and her father both have extensive trademark portfolios in China, though neither has managed to build up a large retail or real estate presence there.

China Labor Watch executive director Li Qiang says he lost touch with the activists late last month.

The group plans to publish a report alleging low pay, excessive overtime and possible misuse of student labor. The investigators also witnessed verbal abuse, with one manager insulting staff about poorly made shoes and making a crude reference in Chinese to female genitalia, according to Li.

Nation

Sheriff: Fired worker killed 5, shot self as siren neared

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—A man who was fired from a Florida awning factory in April returned Monday with a semi-automatic pistol and methodically killed five people, then took his own life at the sound of an approaching siren, authorities said.

Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings identified the shooter as John Robert Neumann Jr., a 45-year-old Army veteran who lived alone and did not appear to belong to any type of subversive or terrorist organization.

The shooting began after Neumann slipped through a rear door into the cavernous Fiamma Inc. factory, an area larger than two football fields where awnings are stitched together for recreational vehicles. He paused at least once to reload.

"My experience tells me that this individual made deliberate thought to do what he did today. He had a plan of action," said the sheriff, who wouldn't say why Neumann was fired. The gunman "had a negative relationship with" at least one of the victims.

"He was certainly singling out the individuals he shot," Demings said, adding that most victims were shot in the head. Some were shot multiple times.

State and federal law enforcement officers converged on the industrial park in Orlando shortly after 8 a.m. after a



woman ran out and called 911 from a tile business across the street, said Yamaris Gomez, that store's owner.

"All she kept saying was he was holding a gun and told her to get out," Gomez said.

That woman had been hired after Neumann was fired in April, so he probably did not recognize her and knew she

was not a former co-worker, Deming said.

Searching for a motive, deputies cordoned off a trailer park in Maitland, where Neumann lived alone in a mobile home on a busy road next to a funeral home, a used car lot and a dog-grooming business. Like the awning factory, it's far from Orlando's famous

theme parks.

Deming said investigators also are looking through any social media postings for clues. Neumann was honorably discharged in 1999 and did not have a concealed weapons permit, the sheriff said.

Arnie Boyd, who lives in the same trailer park, said Neumann was not particularly

AP
Authorities search the mobile home of John Robert Neumann Jr., at 105 Hudson Lane in Maitland, on Monday, June 5, 2017.

A disgruntled former employee shot and killed five people before killing himself at workplace



Source: AP
Graphic: TNS

social. "Every once in a while, he would ride his bike around and that's it," Boyd said. "We would speak only once in a while."

The dead were identified as Robert Snyder, 69; Brenda Montanez-Crespo, 44; Kevin Clark, 53; Jeffrey Roberts, 57; and Kevin Lawson, 46.

White House tries to regroup, but Trump isn't helping

WASHINGTON (AP)—In its effort to regain control of its message, the White House has curtailed press briefings, redirected questions on the Russia investigation to an outside lawyer and planned a major infrastructure policy rollout for this week.

But as long as President Donald Trump has a smartphone, no White House strategy is safe.

The sun was still rising Monday when Trump upended best-laid plans with a blitz of provocative statements delivered via Twitter. He assailed his own Justice Department for its legal strategy to defend his travel ban, potentially creating new headaches as his administration seeks the Supreme Court's backing for the order. And he renewed his criticism of the mayor of London, a city recovering from a weekend vehicle-and-knife attack that left seven people dead.

"To the extent that there is a process for making decisions and communicating them, he seems to ignore it more often than not," Alex Conant, a top adviser to Sen. Marco Rubio's presidential bid, said of the president.

Indeed, the president's free-wheeling, undisciplined style has made it nearly impossible for the White House to

regroup after weeks of damaging reports about possible ties between his campaign and Russia, as well as a steady drumbeat of speculation about internal conflict and disarray. The struggle will come to a head Thursday when fired FBI Director James Comey is due to testify on Capitol Hill.

Efforts to create a "war room" stocked with former campaign officials and top-flight lawyers now appear stalled. Three people briefed on the matter said the process has been bogged down by a lack of decision-making in the West Wing over how to proceed, as well as reluctance from some of those the White House hoped to recruit about serving a president who keeps getting in his own way.

"Anybody with press chops looks at this and they're fearful there's not a path to succeed," said Sara Fagen, former White House political director for George W. Bush.

Even George Conway, the husband of White House counselor Kellyanne Conway, appeared to give voice to the frustrations Monday. Mimicking a favorite Trump expression, Conway wrote on Twitter that the president's comment on the travel ban won't help the administration get votes in the Supreme Court, "which is what actually matters. Sad."

Report suggests Russia hackers breached voting software firm

WASHINGTON (AP)—Russian hackers attacked at least one U.S. voting software supplier days before last year's presidential election, according to a government intelligence report leaked Monday that suggests election-related hacking penetrated further into U.S. voting systems than previously known.

The classified National Security Agency report, which was published online by The Intercept, does not say whether the hacking had any effect on election results. But it says Russian military intelligence attacked a U.S. voting software company and sent spear-phishing emails to more than 100 local election officials at the end of October or beginning of November.

U.S. intelligence agencies declined to comment.

However, the Justice Department announced Monday it had charged a government contractor in Georgia with leaking a classified report containing "Top Secret level"

information to an online news organization. The report the contractor allegedly leaked is dated May 5, the same date as the document The Intercept posted online.

The document said Russian military intelligence "executed cyber espionage operations against a named U.S. company in August 2016 evidently to obtain information on elections-related software and hardware solutions, according to information that became available in April 2017."

The hackers are believed to have then used data from that operation to create a new email account to launch a spear-phishing campaign targeting U.S. local government organizations, the document said. "Lastly, the actors send test emails to two non-existent accounts ostensibly associated with absentee balloting, presumably with the purpose of creating those accounts to mimic legitimate services."

The document did not name any state.

The information in the leaked document seems to go further than the U.S. intelligence agencies' January assessment of the hacking that occurred.

"Russian intelligence obtained and maintained access to elements of multiple U.S. state or local electoral boards," the assessment said. The Department of Homeland Security "assesses that the types of systems Russian actors targeted or compromised were not involved in vote tallying."

The Intercept contacted NSA and the national intelligence director's office about the document and both agencies asked that it not be published. U.S. intelligence officials then asked The Intercept to redact certain sections. The Intercept said some material was withheld at U.S. intelligence agencies' request because it wasn't "clearly in the public interest."

The Associated Press could not confirm the authenticity of the May 5 NSA document, which The Intercept said it ob-

tained anonymously.

Also on Monday, Reality Leigh Winner, 25, of Augusta, Georgia, was charged in U.S. District Court with copying classified documents and mailing them to a reporter with an unnamed news organization. Prosecutors did not say which federal agency Winner worked for, but FBI agent Justin Garrick said in an affidavit filed with the court that she had previously served in the Air Force and held a top-secret security clearance.

Winner's attorney, Titus Thomas Nichols, declined to confirm whether she is accused of leaking the NSA report received by The Intercept. He also declined to name the federal agency for which Winner worked.

"My client has no (criminal) history, so it's not as if she has a pattern of having done anything like this before," Nichols said in a phone interview Monday. "She is a very good person. All this craziness has happened all of a sudden."

Asia

S. Korean official suspended over US missile defense report

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—A senior South Korean defense official was suspended Monday for deliberately failing to report to new liberal President Moon Jae-in the arrival of several more launchers for a contentious U.S. missile defense system, Moon's office said.

Moon's conservative predecessor, Park Geun-hye, had allowed the United States to deploy the Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense system to deal with North Korean nuclear threats. A THAAD battery is normally operated with six launchers, and two of them were publicly installed in a southeastern South Korean town in late April, days before Moon took office on May 10.

Last week, Moon's office said it found that four more launchers have since arrived in South Korea, but that defense officials didn't mention them in policy briefings they gave in late May. Moon demanded a probe, calling the incident "very shocking," according to his aides.

Moon's investigation order has prompted media speculation about its motives. During the election campaign, he said he would review a system that has enraged not only North Korea but also China, South Korea's largest trading partner.

Moon's office said Monday that an investigation found Deputy Minister for Defense Policy Wee Seung Ho ordered ministry officials not to write clearly about the four launchers in policy reports.

Wee told investigators he did so because the South Korean and U.S. militaries decided not to publicize the four launchers' arrivals, presidential official Yoon Young-chan told a televised news conference.

Yoon said Wee instead initially planned to verbally report about the four launchers but didn't do so. "It's something that we cannot tolerate," Yoon said.

Wee didn't immediately make any public comments, according to the Defense Ministry.

A THAAD battery consists of six truck-mounted launchers that can fire up to 48 interceptor missiles, fire control and communication equipment, and a powerful X-band radar officially known as AN/TPY-2.

It's unclear if Moon will go ahead with his campaign pledge to re-examine the THAAD deployment because a request for the withdrawal of the system's components could severely undermine ties with Washington, Seoul's most important ally, analysts say.



In this Friday, May 26, 2017, file photo, a Filipino activist holds a slogan opposing the recent declaration of martial law in Mindanao by Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte during a rally in Manila, Philippines.

PH lawmakers ask top court to nullify martial law

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine opposition lawmakers petitioned the Supreme Court on Monday to review and nullify President Rodrigo Duterte's imposition of martial law in the southern third of the country.

The petition filed by six House lawmakers led by Rep. Edcel Lagman said there was no revolution or invasion where public safety required the declaration of martial law and suspension of the writ of habeas corpus. It said the

proclamation contained "fatal inaccuracies and falsities."

The petitioners said congressional leaders and the majority of lawmakers allied with Duterte were derelict in their constitutional duty by refusing to convene a joint session of Congress to vote whether to revoke the martial law proclamation.

Duterte made the declaration May 23 after extremists allied with the Islamic State group laid siege to Marawi city. The declaration lasts

through mid-July but could be extended with the consent of Congress.

The martial law proclamation said the militants openly attempted to remove that part of the country from its allegiance to the Philippine government by taking over a hospital, establishing several checkpoints in the city, burning down certain government and private facilities, and flying the flag of the Islamic State group in several areas.

But the petitioners said the

military acknowledged the conflict in Marawi was precipitated by an attempt by troops to capture Isnilon Hapilon, a high-profile militant commander. They also said the claim that militants took over a hospital and Duterte's claim that a local police chief was decapitated both turned out to be wrong.

"The president's proclamation of martial law in Mindanao has no sufficient factual basis as it is feebly based on mostly contrived and/or inaccurate facts, self-serving speculations,

enumeration of distant occurrences and mere conclusions of fact and law on the purported existence of 'rebellion or invasion,'" the lawmakers said.

They said the martial law imposition was "flawed" because Duterte "acted alone without the benefit of a recommendation from Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana or from any ranking officer of the Armed Forces of the Philippines," as Lorenzana acknowledged during congressional briefings.



ASIA BRIEFS

Man arrested over note found in Australian airliner toilet

SYDNEY (AP)—Police say a passenger has been arrested after an Australian domestic airliner landed in a regional airport because of a note found near a toilet. Police would not comment on a report in The Australian newspaper alleging that the passenger wrote on a sick bag that he had stashed a bomb on the Virgin Australia ATR 72 twin-engine turbo-prop plane that landed safely on Tuesday. A police statement says, "Police and emergency services went to the airport after receiving information that a note was located in the toilet area of the aircraft." Virgin says Flight 1174 from Sydney

to the New South Wales state town of Albury was met by police "due to a security incident on board." The passenger had not been charged by late Tuesday.

Rival Cambodian parties both satisfied with election results

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—Cambodia's ruling and opposition parties expressed satisfaction with the results of Sunday's local elections, in which Prime Minister Hun Sen's ruling Cambodian People's Party retained its dominance in most regions but lost ground to its opponents. The polls were seen as a test of strength ahead of next year's more crucial general

election, which is widely seen as posing a major challenge to Hun Sen's continued three-decade rule. Hun Sen said on his Facebook page Monday that his party still received strong support from the voters, obtaining 51 percent of the total popular vote. About 7 million people cast ballots, more than 80 percent of those eligible. Party spokesman Sok Eysan said it triumphed in 1,158 of the 1,646 communes, with the opposition Cambodian National Rescue Party winning 487. The opposition party issued similar totals, but noted that it boosted its share of the popular vote to about 46 percent from 30 percent in the 2012 elections, while the ruling party's share

declined from 62 percent. Opposition spokesman Yim Sovann described Sunday's vote as a "huge victory" for his party.

Hostage-taker in Australia had been acquitted of terror plot

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—A gunman who killed a man and took a woman hostage before dying in a police shootout had been acquitted of plotting a terror attack at a Sydney army base years earlier, police said Tuesday. Three police officers were wounded. The siege Monday at an apartment building in a Melbourne suburb was being treated as an act of terror, but Victoria state Police

Chief Commissioner Graham Ashton said the gunman appeared to have acted alone and not as part of any ongoing plot or threat. "There is nothing that we've found thus far that would suggest to us that this was anything that was ... planned or done in concert with others," Ashton said. The gunman, Yacqub Khayre, 29, was one of two men acquitted by a jury in 2010 of plotting a suicide attack in Sydney. Three people were convicted of conspiracy for that plot, which police thwarted before it could be executed. Khayre, a Somali refugee, served prison sentences for arson and violent crimes unrelated to extremism before being paroled in November, Ashton said.

World

Alleged London attacker was a known radical Islamist

LONDON (AP)—One of the men believed to have carried out the deadly weekend attack in central London was a known radical Islamist who was filmed unfurling a black flag resembling the one used by the Islamic State group and raised the suspicion of a neighbor after allegedly trying to lure local youngsters to join his jihadist campaign.

On Monday, British police identified that man, Khuram Shazad Butt, a 27-year-old Pakistan-born Briton, as one of the assailants, saying he was known to authorities, though they had no evidence he was planning an attack. They identified a second attacker who had not aroused suspicion prior to Saturday's rampage that killed seven people.

As details about Butt emerged, however, they prompted questions of whether he could have been stopped sooner.

He had appeared in a documentary, "The Jihadis Next Door," that aired on British television last year. Neighbors identified Butt from the film's footage Monday, pointing to a scene in which he is shown participating in a provocative prayer session at Regents Park, near London's biggest mosque



AP
People light candles after a vigil for victims of Saturday's attack in London Bridge, at Potter's Field Park in London, Monday, June 5, 2017.

helping to display a black flag covered in white Arabic lettering similar to the one used by the Islamic State group, which took responsibility for the attack.

Butt is also seen in the film sprawling on the lawn and nodding as he listens to a sermon in which the speaker tells those gathered: "This is not

the real life, my dear brothers. This is a passing time for us."

Butt's apparent zealotry led one neighbor, Erica Gasparri, to contact police about 18 months ago. The 42-year-old mother of three was working at a local school when she noticed Butt, who was also known as Abu Mohamed, meeting with local children

and trying to draw them into his radicalism.

"It was wrong what he was doing," Gasparri said. "He kept talking about the Islamic State. I got very angry."

Salaudeen Jailabdeen, who lived near Butt, said the alleged assailant had once been ejected from a local mosque for interrupting an imam.

Another neighbor, Michael Mimbo, said he saw the van used in the attack near his home on Saturday, but didn't see who was behind the wheel. He said the vehicle was seen going the wrong way down a one-way street and was later seen speeding off, followed closely by a small red car.

The second alleged attacker was identified by police as Rachid Redouane, who alternately used the surname Elkhadar, and claimed to be Moroccan and Libyan. He used two different birthdates that would make him either 25 or 30, authorities said.

Police have not yet released the identity of the third person involved in carrying out the attack on London Bridge, where the van swerved into pedestrians, and

in nearby Borough Market, where the knife-wielding assailants slashed and stabbed anyone in their path. Besides the dead, dozens more were wounded by the men, who wore fake suicide vests to make themselves look even more imposing.

All three were ultimately shot and killed by police. Twelve others taken into custody have since been released.

All of it happened in just eight minutes, and though police have won praise for their response, it has led to a political fight certain to dominate the waning days before Thursday's national elections. The campaign roared back into public view Monday after a one-day hiatus, with Prime Minister Theresa May and Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn trading blame over one another's security stances.

May served as home secretary for six years before becoming prime minister last year, a period in which the number of police dropped by about 20,000 officers. That fact provided a line of attack for Corbyn, who called on May to resign even as he said the best remedy was to vote her out.

"There's an election on Thursday, that's the chance," he said, citing an "appalling" cut in police staffing levels. "We're calling for a restoration of police numbers, and there's a call being made for her to go, because of what she's done on the police numbers."

UN chief warns oceans are 'under threat as never before'

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Secretary-General Antonio Guterres opened the first U.N. conference on oceans Monday with a warning that the seas are "under threat as never before," noting one recent study warns that discarded plastic garbage could outweigh fish by 2050 if nothing is done.

The U.N. chief told presidents, ministers, diplomats and environmental activists from nearly 200 countries that oceans—"the lifeblood of our planet"—are being severely damaged by pollution, garbage, overfishing and the effects of climate change.

The five-day conference, which began on World Environment Day, is the first major event to focus on climate since U.S. President Donald Trump announced Thursday that the United States will withdraw from the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement—a decision criticized by Bolivian President Evo Morales and other speakers Monday.

Guterres said the aim of the conference is "to turn the tide" and solve the problems that "we created."

He said competing interests over territory and natural resources have blocked prog-

ress for too long in cleaning up and restoring to health the world's oceans, which cover two-thirds of the planet.

"We must put aside short-term national gain to prevent long-term global catastrophe," Guterres said. "Conserving our oceans and using them sustainably is preserving life itself."

General Assembly President Peter Thomson, a Fijian diplomat, said, "The time has come for us to correct our wrongful ways."

"We have unleashed a plague of plastic upon the ocean that is defiling nature in so many tragic ways," he said. "It is inexcusable that humanity tips the equivalent of a large garbage truck of plastic into the ocean every minute of every day."

Guterres cited a 2016 World Economic Forum report on "The New Plastics Economy," which said the best research estimates there are over 150 million tons of plastics in the ocean.

"In a business-as-usual scenario, the ocean is expected to contain 1 ton of plastic for every 3 tons of fish by 2025, and by 2050, more plastics than fish (by weight)," the re-

port said.

Thomson also warned that illegal and destructive fishing practices and harmful subsidies for fisheries "are driving our fish stocks to tipping points of collapse." And, he said, the increasing human-caused carbon emissions tied to climate change are causing rising sea levels by warning the oceans and

harming marine life by making the seas more acidic with less oxygen.

Thomson said the conference probably represents the best opportunity ever "to reverse the cycle of decline that human activity has brought upon the ocean" and spur action to meet the U.N. goal for 2030 to conserve and manage the ocean's resources.

Qatar says Kuwait trying to mediate, solve diplomatic rift

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—Kuwait is trying to mediate a diplomatic crisis in which Arab countries have cut diplomatic ties to Qatar and moved to isolate the energy-rich, travel-hub nation from the outside world, Qatar's foreign minister said early Tuesday.

The biggest diplomatic crisis in the Persian Gulf region since the 1991 U.S.-led war against Iraq pits several nations against Qatar, which is home to some 10,000 American troops and a major U.S. military base. Airlines suspended flights and residents nervous about the peninsula's lone land border closing cleaned out grocery store shelves.

In an interview with Doha-based satellite news network Al-Jazeera, Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed Bin Abdulrahman Al Thani said Kuwait's ruler had asked Qatar's ruling emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, to hold off on giving a speech about the crisis late Tuesday night.

"He received a call from the emir of Kuwait asking him to postpone it in order to give time to solve the crisis," Sheikh Mohammed said.

Still, the minister struck a defiant tone, vowing his nation rejected those "trying to impose their will on Qatar or intervene in its internal affairs."

Bahrain, Egypt, Saudi Ara-

bia and the United Arab Emirates announced Monday they would cut diplomatic ties. Yemen's internationally backed government, which has lost the capital and large portions of the war-torn country, also cut relations with Qatar, as did the Maldives and one of conflict-ridden Libya's competing governments.

The move came just two weeks after U.S. President Donald Trump visited Saudi Arabia and vowed to improve ties with both Riyadh and Cairo to combat terrorism and contain Iran. U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said the move was rooted in longstanding differences and urged the par-

ties to resolve them.

Soccer's governing body FIFA said it remained in regular contact with Qatar, which will host the 2022 World Cup. It did not elaborate.

Saudi Arabia said it was cutting ties due to Qatar's "embrace of various terrorist and sectarian groups aimed at destabilizing the region," including the Muslim Brotherhood, al-Qaida, the Islamic State group and militants supported by Iran in the kingdom's restive Eastern Province. Egypt's Foreign Ministry accused Qatar of taking an "antagonist approach" toward Cairo and said "all attempts to stop it from supporting terrorist groups failed."

Focus

By DAVID McFADDEN
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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—Watson Saint Fleur is 12 but he's never attended a day of school. He's toiled in hardship doing household chores and peddling plastic bags of drinking water along city streets noisy with motorbikes and trucks.

He's one of Haiti's "restaveks," a term to describe children whose poor parents hand them over to others in hopes they'll have opportunities to escape a dead-end life or at least get more food. It's a practice deeply ingrained in Haiti, where families frequently have numerous kids despite crushing poverty.

For many, that better life never arrives. Many are exploited as domestic servants in households only slightly better off, working long hours in exchange for food and a spot to sleep on a shack's floor. An untold number endure regular beatings, are deprived of an education and are victims of sexual abuse. And their numbers have been growing sharply as urban slums expand and poverty in the countryside deepens.

Studies indicate the population of child domestic workers rose from some 172,000 in 2002 to roughly 286,000 in 2014—four years after an earthquake flattened much of Port-au-Prince and outlying areas, killing as many as 300,000 and leaving some 1.5 million people homeless.

Now child advocates in the hemisphere's poorest country are bracing for yet another increase of youngsters like Watson driven into unpaid servitude.

The Trump administration is weighing an end to a humanitarian program that has protected nearly 60,000 Haitians from deportation since that earthquake—a "temporary protected status" based on the assumption their homeland could not absorb them following the disaster. If the program known as TPS is not extended, people could be sent back to Haiti starting in January.

Such mass deportation would cut off remittances that keep many Haitian families fed in a country where deep poverty is the primary force behind the restavek practice.

"There's no doubt an end to TPS will create far more restaveks," said prominent Haitian child advocate Gertrude Sejour.

Each morning, Watson wakes from his spot on the floor to clean the house for his washerwoman employer be-

Haiti

fears deportations will mean surge of child servants



In this May 23, 2017 photo, Watson Saint Fleur balances a heavy load of water he will sell in the streets of Petion-Ville, a suburb of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He's one of Haiti's "restaveks," a term to describe children whose poor parents hand them over to others in hopes they'll have opportunities to escape a dead-end life or at least get

fore taking to the streets to sell water. He gets smaller portions at meals. He bathes the woman's 7-year-old boy to prepare him for the local school he's never attended. He helps set up birthday parties for the woman's two sons, but has never once gotten a party himself.

He's fuzzy about how he ended up at the woman's house, only knowing his mother died in his hometown of Petit Goave. He never knew his father.

"When she hits me, she says: 'Your mother died, why don't you die, too?'" Watson said outside the Maurice Sixto Foundation, where child advocates are working with the government social services agency to move him to a group home for vulnerable boys.

Social researchers in Haiti say the cultural practice is complex, even though it's



In this May 27, 2017 photo, 13-year-old Medege Dorlus nods off as she stands inside the home of friends of her late mother who took her in as an unpaid servant or "restavek," in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. "Restavek" is a practice deeply ingrained in Haiti, where families frequently have numerous kids despite crushing poverty.

often decried as a form of modern-day slavery. A 2015 study commissioned partly by Unicef found that roughly 25 percent of Haitian children between 5 and 17 live apart from their parents, though most live with relations and not all are child domestic workers.

An estimated 30,000 children also live in residential centers in Haiti. Though often described as "orphans," the

vast majority of the children have at least one living parent and have been placed in the often poorly regulated centers because their families cannot support them or pay for their schooling, child welfare advocates say.

"In some regions of the country it's even considered an honor to send their children to the city," said Mariana Rendon, protection officer with Haiti's

office of the International Organization for Migration.

Glenn Smucker, a cultural anthropologist known for extensive work on Haiti, said that children staying with people other than their parents are more vulnerable to abuse and heavier workloads, but that their treatment varies a great deal.

"The longstanding practice of placing children outside the home generally includes an

understanding that the receiving household will send the child to school in exchange for doing household chores, in a social and cultural context where children are expected to do work whether they live at home or with others," Smucker said.

For some kids, the arrangement works out. They're treated well, often with extended families, and caretakers pay their school fees.

Four years ago, Diana Petit Homme, the second youngest of seven children, was sent by her struggling mother to Port-au-Prince from the northern city of Cap-Haitien. The 14-year-old is now attending a Catholic school and has dreams of becoming a nurse.

"I know my mother doesn't have the ability to take care of me," Diana said matter-of-factly.

But many of the youngsters are filled with confusion, sadness and anger when they think of their parents.

About a year ago, Dafnee Beauge's mother left her with a stranger in a two-room shack, saying she was heading to the neighboring Dominican Republic to earn money. The 12-year-old hasn't heard a word from her since.

Dafnee daydreams she can magically communicate with her absent mother, imploring her: "Come get me."

While the youngsters are highly vulnerable to abusive caretakers, that is considered an acceptable risk for many families in a country where over 2.5 million live under the national extreme poverty line of \$1.23 per day.

Officials say reintegrating restavek kids with a biological parent has had very limited success. The vulnerability that caused the child to be sent away in the first place, shortage of food and no money to pay school fees, often remains.

"A parent will say: 'We can't take them back, leave the child where they are,'" said Diem Pierre, a spokesman with the government social services agency Institute of Social Welfare and Research.

It's clear that abusive child labor only perpetuates an endless cycle of illiteracy and poverty.

Stephanie Daniel, 20, spent her childhood at a stranger's shack in Carrefour and is now struggling after years of isolation and abuse. When her employer discovered she had gotten pregnant at 14 following a rape outside a church, the woman kicked Stephanie out.

She's since given up her child to a friend. Never having been shown love herself, she struggled to bond with the boy. "He didn't like me so I gave him away," she said.

Good Housekeeping

Too hot to bake? Grill your desserts this summer

By DENISE NEIL
THE WICHITA EAGLE

It's dinnertime in the heat of the summer. The last thing you want to do is turn on the oven.

But if you're not in an ice cream mood, how else are you going to prepare a dessert that will impress your guests without heating up the house?

Make it on the grill.

Creative cooks have come up with all kinds of ways to prepare sweet treats outdoors, and their ideas expand beyond the predictable (but always-appreciated) s'more.

You'd be amazed how good fruit tastes when the flames caramelize the natural sugars inside them. Peaches, pineapple and watermelon are particularly complemented by flames.

You'd also be amazed how effective a good grill can be at baking things, including biscuits on top of peach cobbler.

Following are a few simple and quick recipes for grilled desserts that will surprise your guests and keep you from sweating in the kitchen.

GRILLED PEACH COBBLER:

- 7 cups 1/2-inch fresh peach slices or 2 (20-ounce) bags frozen sliced peaches, thawed and drained
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon



When making peach cobbler on the grill, you cook the peaches until bubbly, then add the dough.

- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 tablespoons butter

BISCUIT TOPPING:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 cup butter, melted

Heat one side of grill to medium-high (350 to 400 degrees). Place peaches in a large bowl. Stir together sugar and next four ingredients in a small bowl. Sprinkle mixture over peaches and stir gently to combine. Spoon peach mixture into a buttered 10-inch cast-iron skillet. Cut 2 tablespoons

butter into small pieces over peaches. Cover skillet tightly with aluminum foil.

Place skillet over lit side of grill and grill, covered, until bubbling and hot, about 15 minutes.

Biscuit topping: Stir together flour and next two ingredients in a small bowl. Make a well in the center and add cream and melted butter. Stir just until mixture comes together. Uncover grill and discard foil; dollop peaches with dough mixture. Cover with grill lid and grill until biscuits are browned, about 15 minutes more.

Remove skillet from grill and let stand 10 minutes before serving.

Southern Living

GRILLED DOUGHNUTS WITH MINT JULEP AND STRAWBERRY BASIL DIP:

The flames from the grill remelt the glaze on the doughnuts, which then cools and leaves behind a nice crunch. And both of these dips are just as good as fruit dips.

- 8 glazed doughnuts
- Nonstick cooking spray
- 1 recipe Mint Julep Dip
- 1 recipe Strawberry Basil Dip

MINT JULEP DIP:

- 6 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon packed fresh mint leaves
- 6 ounces cream cheese, softened (3/4 cup)
- 1/4 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons bourbon



With a good grill, you can get a nice brown top on your peach cobbler biscuits.

STRAWBERRY BASIL DIP:

- 6 ounces fresh strawberries, hulled (about 1 1/4 cups)
- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened (1/4 cup)
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon packed fresh basil leaves

Heat charcoal or gas grill to medium-low. Coat doughnuts with cooking spray. Grill doughnuts, covered, until lightly browned, 30 seconds to one minute per side. Watch closely to avoid burning. Serve grilled doughnuts with Mint Julep Dip and Strawberry Basil Dip.

Better Homes and Gardens

GRILLED WATERMELON WITH YOGURT

The only sweetness in this recipe comes from the watermelon, but the savory yogurt sauce plays off of it beautifully.

- 1 cup plain whole-milk Greek yogurt or homemade Greek yogurt
- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon coarsely chopped thyme
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling

Light a grill. In a bowl, combine the yogurt with the lemon juice, vinegar, thyme and the 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Season with salt and pepper. Drizzle the watermelon triangles with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Grill over high heat until nicely charred, about one minute per side; transfer to plates. Top the watermelon with the yogurt sauce and season with black pepper. Drizzle with olive oil, garnish with the mint and serve.

Michael Psilakis, Food & Wine

Pair sweet grilled watermelon with a savory yogurt sauce. Glazed doughnuts get nice and crispy when licked by flames. When making peach cobbler on the grill, you cook the peaches until bubbly, then add the dough. Pair sweet grilled watermelon with a savory yogurt sauce. Glazed doughnuts get nice and crispy when licked by flames.

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING ONE homemade salsa

Our fresh, tomatoey chip dip will be a big hit at your backyard barbecues this summer. And it provides wallet relief: Store-bought salsa is almost three times the price. This one's ultra-quick to make and has just a tenth the sodium of the jarred stuff. Plus, you can easily dial up the heat.

- 15 sprigs cilantro
- 1 serrano chile, ribs and seeds discarded
- 1 small clove garlic
- 1/2 small white onion, cut in quarters
- 6 plum tomatoes, cored and cut into quarters (1

- 1 pound total)
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- Salt

1 In food processor, with knife blade attached, pulse cilantro, chile and garlic until very finely chopped. Transfer mixture to large bowl.

2 Place onion in food processor; pulse until finely chopped. Transfer to fine-mesh sieve; rinse with cold water and drain. Transfer to bowl with cilantro.

3 Place tomatoes in food processor; pulse until chopped. Transfer to bowl

with onion. Add lime juice and 1/4 teaspoon salt, and stir until well mixed. Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate up to 6 hours. Makes 3 cups.

Tip: This version is mild. For medium salsa, use 2 chiles; for spicy salsa, use 3 (or even more).

- Each 1/4 cup serving: About 10 calories, 0g total fat (0g saturated), 0mg cholesterol, 55mg sodium, 3g total carbs, 1g dietary fiber, 1g protein.

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Located in Louisiana, this tree is the largest certified southern live oak tree. Measuring almost 39 feet around the trunk, it may be as old as 1,500 years. It survived a nearly direct hit from Hurricane Katrina in 2005. It is the National Champion on the National Register of Big Trees and the Champion Oak of Louisiana, according to the Louisiana Forestry Association. It also has its own Facebook page.

- Brenda Weaver

Source: wikipedia

Life & Style

HomePod speaker pumps up the volume on rivals

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)—Apple is hoping a new smart home speaker will strike a chord with music lovers—the latest test of the iPhone maker's ability to redefine markets originally staked out by its rivals.

The trend-setting company also is putting new twists on existing products as it delves deeper into virtual reality and a form of artificial intelligence called machine learning.

The moves announced Monday escalate Apple's technological battle of wits with Google, Amazon, Microsoft and Facebook. These giants are battling over still-emerging fields that are expected to turn into technological gold mines, much the way personal computers and smartphones became moneymaking machines in previous decades.

NO PLACE LIKE HOMEPOD

The "HomePod" speaker unveiled at Apple's annual developers conference is similar to rival devices that have been released during the past two years.

Like the Amazon Echo and Google Home, the HomePod will play music while also helping people to manage their lives and homes. Siri, a digital assistant that has been on Apple's iPhone since 2011, will be voice activated to respond to requests for information and other help around the house.

Unlike those other smart speakers, Apple is positioning the HomePod primarily as a way to listen to and discover new songs and artists. Making the most of it will require a subscription to Apple's own music streaming service, which runs \$10 to \$15 per month and has attracted 27

million subscribers so far.

The company is casting Siri as a music connoisseur that will learn and cater to the tastes of the HomePod's owners, as well as answer questions about the songs as they are played. "It will reinvent home audio," boasted Apple CEO Tim Cook.

The speaker will sell for about \$350 in December in the U.S., U.K. and Australia. Amazon sells the main version of the Echo for \$180; Google's Home speaker goes for \$130.

The Echo, released in 2015, and Google Home, released last year, were the first entrants in a promising market. The research firm eMarketer says that 35 million people in the U.S. are expected to use a voice-activated speaker at least once a month this year, more than double its estimate from last year.

APPLE VS. THE DRY SPELL

The HomePod is Apple's first new gadget in nearly three years, following its announcement of the Apple Watch in September 2014. Although that product came out after other smartwatches hit the market, it quickly outshone competitors, according to industry research firms.

Still, the Apple Watch hasn't been a smash hit, fueling worries that the company's ability to transfix customers had waned after the 2011 death of co-founder Steve Jobs. During Jobs' last decade, Apple introduced the iPod, iPhone and iPad—all huge commercial successes that both reshaped daily life and swamped previous digital music players, smartphones and tablets.

Analysts said the smart home speaker market is ripe for Apple. The company

"can't afford to yield valuable real-estate in the heart of people's homes to Amazon, Google and others," said Geoff Blaber, research analyst at CCS Insight. That's especially important because people are starting to access information, entertainment and search in a more "pervasive" way that's less dependent on smartphones, he said.

But it's also possible that the HomePod could expose Siri as less capable than Amazon's Alexa, Google's Assistant and Microsoft's Cortana, Blaber said. (Many reviewers have suggested that the current incarnation of Apple's assistant already trails competitors in key respects.) "This is the start of the AI wars," he said.

MACS, PHONES AND PAYMENTS

Apple had plenty of other announcements. New iMacs released Monday are getting better displays and graphics capabilities. Apple said that makes the Mac a great platform for developing virtual-reality "experiences," although the company didn't announce any consumer VR products.

Safari, Apple's web browser, is getting new features aimed at online annoyances. It will block videos that start playing automatically, for instance, and can also prevent ads from following and profiling users. It will not actually block ads, though.

Apple also introduced a new version of its business-oriented iPad Pro at an intermediate size with more storage, a better display and an improved camera. It's part of Apple's effort to entice professionals with tablets that can handle many tasks previously reserved for laptops.



Apple's John Ternus speaks during an announcement of new products at the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference in San Jose, Calif., Monday, June 5, 2017.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEAR FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE

† DAVID JENSEN

WHO PASSED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY, ON SATURDAY JUNE 03, 2017

Dave was a member of the Bridge Capital family for over 27 years, and was a friend and mentor to so many of us on island. We are all better for having known him and he will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.



My time on this earth has finally come to an end. On June 03, 2017, in Las Vegas, Nevada I took my last breath, said "good-bye" to my family and friends, and hopefully left this world a little better place than when I came into it.

I was born on April 6, 1950 to my Ephraim, Utah parents Jay & Connie Jensen. I was the eldest child but I was quickly followed by Jacqueline (deceased), James (Ephraim), Jed (deceased), Kurt (deceased), Judy Wheeler (Ephraim), Penny McInelly (Orem) and Janette Lyman (Ephraim). I grew up in the small Utah town of Ephraim which was a great place to be a kid in the 50's and 60's. I helped my dad on his ranch and I played whatever backyard sport was in season.

In 1973 I married the beautiful Janet Roberts from Centerfield who was my best friend, teacher and right-hand for the rest of my life. We have four wonderful children: Jacie Willis, Christopher, Collin (all Las Vegas), and Holly Maltby (Sheffield England). I am proud of all my children and what they have become. I also have three grandchildren.

I am also proud to be an alumnus of the University of Utah. I finally graduated in 1977 with a degree in accounting and accepted a position with a CPA firm in northern Nevada where I became certified as well. Shortly after that I moved my young family to Las Vegas and I've maintained a home there ever since even when living overseas for many years.

Early on in my professional career I was lucky to be in some high-powered positions in the casino industry in the Las Vegas area and met and worked with, or for, many top level entertainers and government officials, but my favorite position was my last: serving as the C.F.O. for several companies owned by two gentlemen who truly qualify as entrepreneurs and visionaries. Through this position I was to live in many exciting places such as Louisiana, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands and Cambodia. I was able to travel all over the United States, the Caribbean, Japan, Laos, Thailand, Malaysia and Australia. I was also able to take many trips to Hawaii and recently spent six weeks traveling through nine countries in Europe.

I want to thank my childhood friends, my family, my business associates, my co-workers and others who have influenced me and shaped my life in any way. I enjoyed my life and I hope that I had a positive impact on many others.

In lieu of flowers, I would encourage any of you who would have spent anything on this to instead make a contribution to the autism charities F.E.A.T. or Autism Speaks.

Swedish Academy has received Bob Dylan's Nobel lecture

NEW YORK (AP)—Bob Dylan has completed his Nobel course requirements.

The Swedish Academy announced Monday that it has received the mandatory lecture from the 2016 literature winner, enabling Dylan to collect 8 million Swedish kronor (\$922,000) in prize money. Spokeswoman Sara Danius described Dylan's talk in a news release as "extraordinary" and "eloquent." Nobel Prize officials said the 26-minute talk was recorded on Sunday in Los Angeles and an audio clip is

posted on the academy's website, www.nobelprize.org.

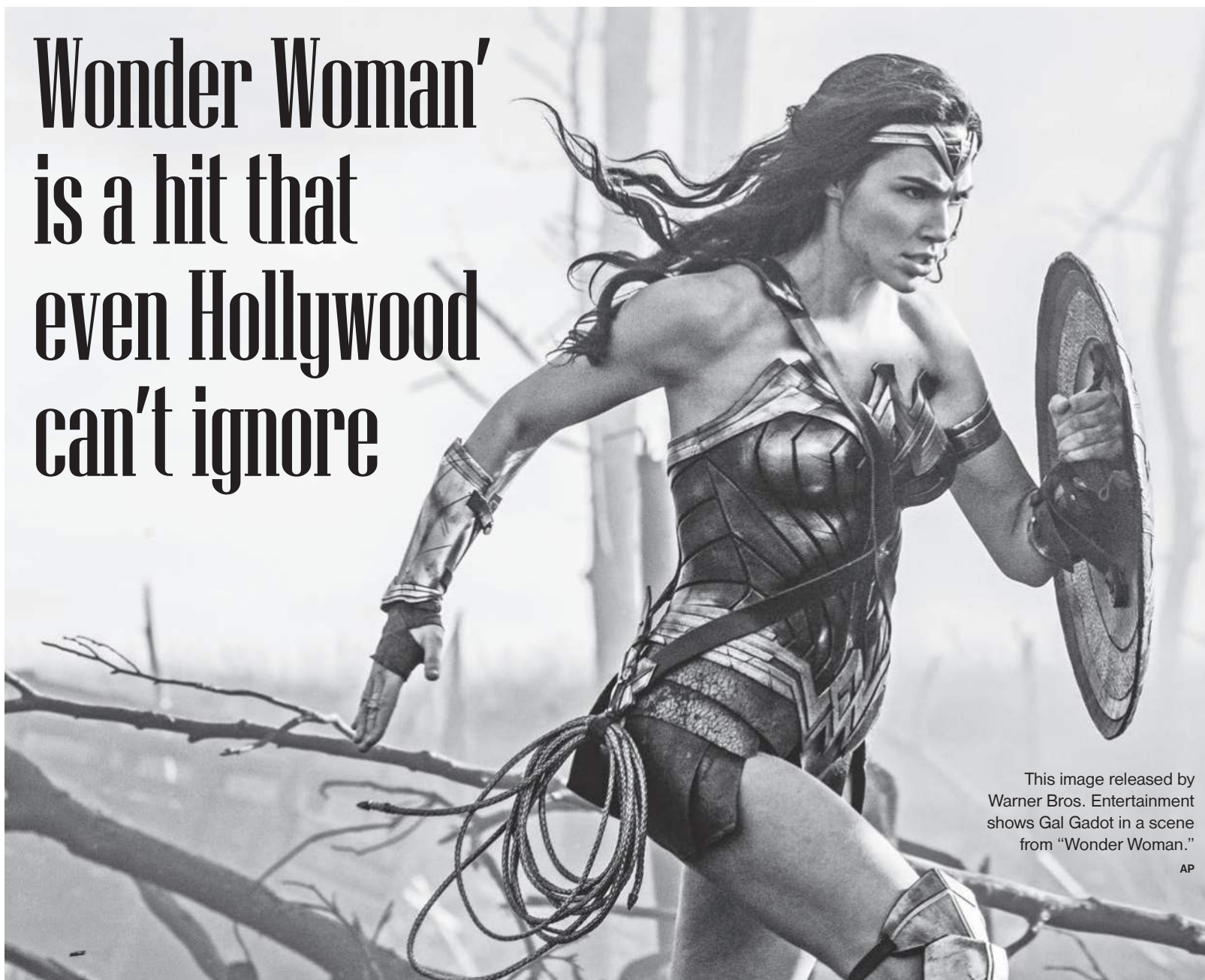
Danius said its delivery to the academy meant that "the Dylan adventure is coming to a close." Dylan, widely regarded as the most influential songwriter of his time, received the Nobel Literature diploma and medal in April but was still required to give a speech to receive the money. Dylan took weeks to publicly acknowledge even



Dylan

winning the prize, announced in October and greeted with both joy and dismay that a rock star had received an honor previously given to William Faulkner, Gabriel Garcia Marquez and Alice Munro among others. He did not attend December's Nobel ceremony in Stockholm and his acceptance remarks were read by the United States Ambassador to Sweden, Azita Raji.

Wonder Woman' is a hit that even Hollywood can't ignore



This image released by Warner Bros. Entertainment shows Gal Gadot in a scene from "Wonder Woman." AP

By JAKE COYLE,
AP FILM WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—Batman is the superhero with the calling-card beam of light, but Wonder Woman sent a signal over the weekend that even Hollywood couldn't miss.

Patty Jenkins' "Wonder Woman" grossed \$103.3 million in North America over its debut weekend, a figure that easily surpassed industry expectations, set a new record for a film directed by a woman and bested all previous stand-alone female superhero movies put together. (There aren't many and there hasn't been one in 12 years.)

Strong reviews (93 percent on Rotten Tomatoes) and word of mouth (an A CinemaScore) pushed the film into must-see status. Wonder Woman, that Amazonian warrior-princess last in the spotlight in '70s, lassoed the zeitgeist. By Monday, Warner Bros. had to increase its weekend estimate up by almost \$3 million because audiences kept coming on Sunday.

"Wonder Woman" is a hit, and in a movie industry that has seldom put female filmmakers behind the camera for its biggest blockbusters, it could be an important one. It certainly had that feel opening weekend, where droves of moviegoers came wearing "We are all Diana" T-shirts, young girls flocked in Wonder Woman outfits and even movie stars were blowing kisses at the movie and calling it a "game changer."

"I am a filmmaker who wants to make successful films, of course. I want my film to be celebrated," Jenkins said before her film's debut. "But there's a whole other person in me

who's sitting and watching what's happening right now who so hopes, not for me, that this movie defies expectation. Because I want to see the signal that that will send to the world."

Jenkins' objective appeared to be met by the opening of "Wonder Woman," a heavily marketed \$150 million movie that spent a decade in development before finally—after hordes of other superheroes—making it to the big screen.

"Wonder Woman" didn't surpass the openings of previous DC Comics adaptations: the terribly received "Batman v. Superman" and "Suicide Squad." But unlike those releases, "Wonder Woman" is good enough to play strongly through the next few weeks. "The momentum is with us in every way," said Warner Bros. distribution chief Jeff Goldstein.

That was decidedly not the case heading into the weekend. "Wonder Woman" came on the heels of disappointing DC Comics films and a lackluster early summer box office where little besides "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2" has caught fire.

But more importantly, Jenkins and "Wonder Woman" burst through Hollywood's glass ceiling with one of the rarest things: a summer blockbuster helmed by a woman. "Maybe this raises awareness that female directors are a force to be reckoned with," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for comScore.

That's been especially hard-to-miss this summer. Sofia Coppola, whose upcoming June release "The Beguiled" remakes the 1971 Don Siegel-Clint Eastwood movie from a female perspective, last week became just the second female filmmaker to win best

director at the Cannes Film Festival.

"I try to keep making work and I have a female point of view that I embrace," Coppola said recently. "I don't want to speak so politically. I just feel like that's not my role. But I'm happy to put my work out there."

Cannes juror Jessica Chastain also drew widespread applause for questioning the quality of the female characters on view at the festival. Her fellow jury member Maren Ade, the German director of "Toni Erdmann," spoke about the dearth of female filmmakers.

"I found after a while always being surrounded by men doing this job, the impression comes up that it's maybe not a good job for a woman," Ade said. "I think that's completely wrong and I think we need much more women doing films. We all want the film business to reflect modern society."

With its action movies and comic-book films, summer has long been the most male moviegoing season of the year—one where even female Ghostbusters are enough to spark a tempestuous culture war. But Jenkins and Coppola have some company this season.

Next week, Lucia Aniello, a writer and director from "Broad City," will release her bachelorette comedy "Rough Night." In August, Kathryn Bigelow returns with her Detroit riots thriller "Detroit." It's shaping up to be an atypically tough summer for misogyny at the multiplex.

Yet researchers who have spent years charting the lack of progress for female directors in Hollywood are skeptical much has changed.

"High-profile cases, such as Kathryn Bigelow and Patty Jenkins, can

dramatically skew our perceptions of how women are actually faring as film directors," said San Diego State University professor Martha M. Lauzen, executive director of the Center for the Study of Women in Television and Film. "While their successes are encouraging, it is important to consider the larger picture and to continue counting the numbers of women working on screen and behind the scenes so we can have a conversation about women's representation and employment that is grounded in a verifiable reality."

According to the center's latest Celluloid Ceiling study, women comprised 7 percent of directors working on the top 250 domestic grossing films of 2016. It was 9 percent in 1998.

Stacy L. Smith, director of the Media, Diversity and Social Change Initiative at USC Annenberg, cited the initiative's three-year study that found female directors "face a steep fiscal cliff as they attempt to move from independent to more commercial filmmaking." Of the 41 women directors interviewed, 44 percent said they were interested in directing action films or blockbusters.

"We would all like to hope that the success of 'Wonder Woman' will open doors not only for Patty Jenkins but for other female directors," Smith said. "However, research and theory suggests that until the narrow definition of leadership behind the camera changes, it will be an uphill battle for more women to work as directors on these types of movies. The female talent is there, it is the hiring process and the imaginations of executives and producers that represent the true barrier to progress."

Box office top 20: 'Wonder Woman' revised up to \$103.3M

NEW YORK (AP)—"Wonder Woman" was even mightier than expected. Warner Bros. has revised the film's weekend haul up to \$103.3 million.

The studio on Monday said the tickets sold on Sunday turned out to be even higher than it estimated over the weekend. Warner Bros. previously had announced a \$100.5 million North American estimate.

The nearly \$3 million swing, Warner Bros. said, was caused by an unusually small drop in audience from Saturday to Sunday. That indicates that the well-reviewed film's strong word of mouth is giving "Wonder Woman" more momentum than usual.

The Patty Jenkins-directed film, starring Gal Gadot, became the biggest opening for a film directed by a woman and by far the most successful female-led superhero release.

The top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by comScore:

1 "Wonder Woman," Warner Bros., \$103,251,471, 4,165 locations, \$24,790 average, \$103,251,471, 1 week.

2 "Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie," 20th Century Fox, \$23,851,539, 3,434 locations, \$6,946 average, \$23,851,539, 1 week.

3 "Pirates Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales," Disney, \$22,087,099, 4,276 locations, \$5,165 average, \$115,095,870, 2 weeks.

4 "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2," Disney, \$9,839,370, 3,507 locations, \$2,806 average, \$355,580,702, 5 weeks.

5 "Baywatch," Paramount, \$8,741,285, 3,647 locations, \$2,397 average, \$41,965,723, 2 weeks.

6 "Alien: Covenant," 20th Century Fox, \$4,122,884, 2,660 locations, \$1,550 average, \$67,342,368, 3 weeks.

7 "Everything, Everything," Warner Bros., \$3,301,366, 2,375 locations, \$1,390 average, \$28,282,953, 3 weeks.

8 "Snatched," 20th Century Fox, \$1,318,582, 1,625 locations, \$811 average, \$43,846,996, 4 weeks.

9 "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul," 20th Century Fox, \$1,289,793, 2,088 locations, \$618 average, \$17,894,397, 3 weeks.

10 "King Arthur: Legend of the Sword," Warner Bros., \$1,173,672, 1,222 locations, \$960 average, \$37,176,629, 4 weeks.

11 "Beauty and the Beast," Disney, \$658,056, 527 locations, \$1,249 average, \$502,136,527, 12 weeks.

12 "The Boss Baby," 20th Century Fox, \$621,139, 684 locations, \$908 average, \$170,921,703, 10 weeks.

13 "3 Idiots," Lionsgate, \$609,249, 349 locations, \$1,746 average, \$609,249, 1 week.

14 "Paris Can Wait," Sony Pictures Classics, \$529,395, 151 locations, \$3,506 average, \$1,606,002, 4 weeks.

15 "The Fate Of The Furious," Universal, \$489,465, 593 locations, \$825 average, \$223,807,400, 8 weeks.

16 "Churchill," Cohen Media Group, \$400,843, 215 locations, \$1,864 average, \$400,843, 1 week.

17 "Bon Cop Bad Cop 2," Entertainment One Films, \$348,162, 95 locations, \$3,665 average, \$4,436,187, 4 weeks.

18 "How to Be a Latin Lover," Lionsgate, \$277,496, 277 locations, \$1,002 average, \$31,701,000, 6 weeks.

19 "The Lovers," A24, \$244,817, 348 locations, \$703 average, \$1,912,185, 5 weeks.

20 "Going In Style," Warner Bros., \$230,076, 303 locations, \$759 average, \$44,245,405, 9 weeks.

Al Franken cancels appearance on Bill Maher's show over slur

NEW YORK (AP)—Sen. Al Franken says he will not appear as scheduled on Friday's "Real Time with Bill Maher" in the

wake of Maher's use of a racial slur on last week's show.

The Minnesota Democrat called Maher's remark "in-

appropriate and offensive." Franken added he was "glad" that Maher apologized.

Maher was speaking with

Republican Sen. Ben Sasse of Nebraska when he used the N-word in a joking reference to himself as a house slave dur-

ing the HBO talk show.

The comedian was roundly criticized. On Saturday, he said he regretted the remark.

Sasse wrote Saturday that he wished he had immediately criticized Maher for using the term.

NBA Finals ratings highest since Jordan's last title in 1998

CLEVELAND (AP)—The first two games of the NBA Finals are the most-watched since Michael Jordan's final championship in 1998.

Despite two lopsided outcomes, Golden State's two home wins over Cleveland averaged 19.6 million view-

ers, according to numbers released Monday by the Nielsen company.

That's an increase of 5 percent from the 18.6 million average in 2016.

The Warriors' 132-113 victory on Sunday drew an average of 20.1 million viewers,

up 13 percent from Game 2 last year and the most for a Game 2 since Chicago and Utah met in 1998. The telecast peaked with 23.1 million viewers.

This is the first time two teams have met three straight times in the NBA Finals.

Dan Aykroyd slams director over 'Ghostbusters' remake costs

Dan Aykroyd is criticizing the director of last year's "Ghostbusters" remake for spending too much money to make the film.

The "Ghostbusters" reboot starred Kristen Wiig and Melissa McCarthy and was helmed by "Bridesmaids" director Paul Feig.

Without mentioning Feig's name, Aykroyd said on the British chat show "Sunday

Brunch" that the director didn't want to shoot scenes Aykroyd and others told him were necessary. He says the scenes were eventually added as reshoots and cost the production an additional \$30 million to \$40 million.

Aykroyd says he was "re-



Aykroyd

ally happy with the movie," but says it cost too much for Sony Pictures to make a sequel.

Feig didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Aykroyd co-wrote and starred in the original "Ghostbusters" and its 1989 sequel. (AP)



In this photo provided by HBO, Bill Maher, left, speaks with Sen. Ben Sasse of Nebraska during a segment of his "Real Time with Bill Maher," Friday, June 2, 2017.

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP)—Bill Cosby went on trial Monday on charges he drugged and sexually assaulted a woman more than a decade ago, with prosecutors immediately introducing evidence the 79-year-old TV star once known as America's Dad had done it before to someone else.

The prosecution's opening witness was not the person Cosby is charged with abusing, but another woman, who broke down in tears as she testified that the comedian violated her in the mid-1990s at a hotel bungalow in Los Angeles.

Cosby is on trial on charges he assaulted Andrea Constand, a former employee of Temple University's basketball program, at his suburban Phila-

Bill Cosby goes on trial, his legacy and freedom at stake

delphia mansion in 2004. His good-guy reputation already in ruins, he could get 10 years in prison if convicted.

Prosecutor Kristen Feden, in her opening statement, noted the "Cosby Show" star previously admitted under oath that he gave Constand pills and touched her genitals as she lay on his couch.

"She couldn't say no," Feden said. "She can't move, she can't talk. Completely paralyzed. Frozen. Lifeless."

Cosby attorney Brian Monagle countered by attacking what he said were inconsistencies in Constand's story, disputed that Constand was

incapacitated and made the case that she and Cosby had a romantic relationship.

He said Constand initially told police that she and Cosby did not speak after their 2004 encounter, when, in fact, phone records show the two talked 72 times, with 53 of those calls initiated by Constand.

Constand, 44, of the Toronto area, is expected to take the stand this week and tell her story in public for the first time.

The trial's first witness was Kelly Johnson, who worked for one of Cosby's agents at the William Morris Agency. John-

son, of Atlanta, described an encounter she said took place in 1996 at the Hotel Bel-Air when she was in her mid-30s.

Prosecutors are trying to show Cosby's treatment of Constand fit a pattern of predatory behavior. They had wanted to call as many as 13 women who say Cosby sexually assaulted them, out of more than 60 accusers in all. But Judge Steven O'Neill, in a victory for Cosby, said the jury could hear only from Constand and Johnson.

Johnson testified that Cosby pressured her to take a large white pill that knocked her out, and when she woke up he put

lotion on her hand and forced her to touch his genitals.

"My dress was pulled up from the bottom, and it was pulled down from the top, and my breasts were out," she said, crying. "And I felt naked."

Cosby's lawyer argued that Johnson was seeking a payout from the TV star.

McMonagle said Johnson mixed up the years and other details of her encounters with Cosby, and he grilled her about why she never said anything when she left William Morris. She came forward in 2015 at a news conference with celebrity lawyer Gloria Allred.

"I felt embarrassed because

I had a secret about the biggest celebrity in the world at the time and it was just me, just my word against his, and I was very afraid," Johnson said.

Cosby grinned and tapped his wooden cane as his lawyer questioned Johnson.

The comedian arrived at the courthouse in the morning holding his spokesman's arm for support as he walked past dozens of cameras.

Cosby's wife, Camille, was not in court. But actress Keshia Knight Pulliam, who played his daughter Rudy on "The Cosby Show" in the 1980s and '90s, was at his side as he made his way into the building. She told reporters she was there to support her TV dad.

Mom dotes on new boyfriend at the expense of her kids

DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Rita," and I separated a year ago. Our divorce is pending. The man she's seeing, whom I believe she was cheating with before we split, has a violent criminal past. He has already cheated on Rita with his ex-girlfriend, the woman who had him locked up in the first place.

Rita caters to him to the point that she ignores our kids. When he shows up, they often "retire" to the bedroom and my children are on their own for dinner. She even paid his bail when we were supposed to be saving for our daughter's school trip, which meant I ended up paying her half.

She is oblivious. She believes the kids want to spend time at my place only because there's a game system here. Our daughter is slightly overweight, and Rita and I had agreed to make sure we keep up her self-esteem. I don't think Rita's behavior is helping in this area at all.

My kids want him gone. They have expressed this to their mother, but she keeps making excuses to keep him around. They have told me she comes apart when he's not there. Could she be terrified of being alone? Is it possible to make her realize how this is affecting our kids? Or am I making too much of all this?

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DEAR ABBY: A friend of a friend was looking for a weekend getaway. I offered my summer home to the couple at no cost. I love the place and spend all my summers relaxing there. They quickly accepted.

I gave them the keys, they left for the weekend and she texted me to say they arrived. Two hours later, I received another text saying that they could not stay there because their allergies were really bad and they had to leave.

I felt bad, but they were well aware of my two large, hairy dogs. I'm not a dirty person. Quite a few people come and stay at the summer house, and no one has ever left before. How should I react when I see them again? I thought I was doing something nice.

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Astros use 2 homers to beat Royals for 11th straight win



KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Yuli

Gurriel hit a three-run homer, Brian McCann had a two-run shot and the Houston Astros beat the Kansas City Royals 7-3 on Monday night for their 11th straight win.

It's the longest winning streak in the majors this season and one shy of the Astros' record. They won 12 straight in 1999 and 2004. Houston has also won 11 consecutive road games, which is a franchise record.

McCann homered in the fourth after Marwin Gonzalez walked to lead off the inning.

Gurriel homered in the ninth. He has gone deep in back-to-back games and has 10 RBIs during a six-game hitting streak.

McCann started a two-run second inning with a one-out double and scored on Nori Aoki's single. George Springer's two-out single scored Gurriel, who had walked.

Astros starter Mike Fiers (3-2) worked five innings plus two batters. He was charged with two runs, seven hits and a walk. Fiers is 6-0 in his past 10 road starts dating to Aug. 20.

The Royals scored a pair of runs in the second. Brandon Moss doubled to score Eric Hosmer, while Alcides Escobar's bunt single got Mike Moustakas home.

Rookie Jorge Bonifacio homered off James Hoyt in the seventh to trim the lead to 4-3.

The Royals had Hosmer at third and Moustakas at first with none out in the sixth, but failed to score. Moss and Escobar struck out to end the inning.

Ian Kennedy (0-6) took the loss, giving up four runs, six hits and three walks over five innings. Kennedy, who is in the second season of a five-year, \$70 million contract, is winless in 14 starts since a Sept. 11 victory.

Whit Merrifield went 0 for 5 to snap his 19-game winning streak, which is the longest in the majors this season.

Nationals 4, Dodgers 2

In Los Angeles, Anthony Rendon homered and Gio Gonzalez pitched surging Washington past Los Angeles in a rematch of last year's tight playoff series.

Matt Wieters had a two-run single for the Nationals in the first meeting between the teams since the Dodgers edged Washington in five games during their 2016 NL Division Series.

Washington, which owns the National League's best record at 36-20, has won six of seven and increased its NL East lead to 11 1/2 games.

Gonzalez (5-1) outpitched



Houston Astros' Brian McCann (16) celebrates with Marwin Gonzalez (9) after hitting a two-run home run during the fourth inning of a baseball game against the Kansas City Royals, Monday, June 5, 2017, in Kansas City, Mo.

wilting in the seventh as the Cardinals dropped their fourth straight and eighth in 11 games.

The Reds had lost two in a row and five of six going into the opener of this four-game series.

Martinez, who was 4-1 with a 2.03 ERA in his previous six starts, faced the minimum 18 batters through six innings with the help of catcher Yadier Molina, who threw out major league stolen base leader Billy Hamilton trying to swipe third in the first inning and Adam Duvall attempting to steal second in the second.

Giants 7, Brewers 2

In Milwaukee, Jeff Samardzija pitched deep into the game after a shaky beginning while Aaron Hill had a tiebreaking, pinch-hit double in the eighth inning as the Giants beat the Brewers.

Hill drove in two with two outs off reliever Rob Scahill (1-2).

Samardzija (2-7) surrendered two runs in the first but quickly settled down, retiring 19 consecutive batters in one stretch.

Milwaukee's first-inning runs came in an unusual fashion. With runners on second and third and one out, Hernan Perez lofted a fly to left. Eric Sogard tagged and scored when left fielder Orlando Calixte's throw sailed high over catcher Buster Posey and caromed off the wall behind home plate. The ball dropped behind the padding and out of play, allowing another run to score.

Phillies 11, Braves 4

In Atlanta, Odubel Herrera continued his power surge with a two-run homer and two doubles and Tommy Joseph homered and drove in three runs, helping the Phillies beat the Braves.

Herrera became the first Philadelphia player to hit two doubles in three straight games, according to Phillies records dating back to 1913. He had three extra-base hits for the second straight game, with a homer in each one.

Aaron Altherr added a two-run shot off Eric O'Flaherty in the eighth.

Braves 44-year-old right-hander Bartolo Colon endured another rocky start, allowing eight runs.

Nick Pivetta (1-2) permitted three runs in five innings for his first major league win.

game — both in the past three days. He has 13 home runs this season.

Manaea (5-3) struck out seven over six innings, allowing two runs and four hits. He extended the longest winning streak of his career.

Justin Smoak hit his 15th home run in the eighth off Liam Hendriks, but the Blue Jays couldn't do enough to support J.A. Happ (0-4). Making his second start since coming off the disabled list, the left-hander lost for the first time in eight starts against the A's. He was tagged for five runs in 5 1/3 innings.

Santiago Casilla finished for his ninth save in 11 chances.

Cubs 3, Marlins 1

In Chicago, Eddie Butler pitched three-hit ball into the sixth inning and Kris Bryant hit a two-run homer as Chicago topped Miami for its fourth straight victory.

Albert Almora Jr. added a solo shot as Chicago remained perfect on its 10-game home-stand after going winless on a six-game West Coast trip. With closer Wade Davis on paternity leave, Mike Montgomery pitched 3 1/3 innings for his second save in his first appearance since May 28.

Miami had won three straight and seven of eight. Marcell Ozuna had two hits, but the Marlins' lineup strug-

gled for the most part on an unseasonably cool, breezy night at Wrigley Field.

Butler (3-1) was working on a shutout before Dee Gordon hit a sacrifice fly in the sixth, trimming Chicago's lead to 3-1. Giancarlo Stanton followed with a two-out double, chasing Butler.

Reds 4, Cardinals 2

In Cincinnati, Eugenio Suarez and Scooter Gennett hit consecutive two-run doubles in the seventh inning as Cincinnati came from behind to beat the slumping Cardinals.

St. Louis starter Carlos Martinez (4-5) was dominant through six innings before

Panthers coach says Cam Newton to begin throwing next week



CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—Cam Newton is almost ready to get back to work.

Panthers coach Ron Rivera said the six-year NFL veteran quarterback is ahead of schedule in his rehab from shoulder surgery and is expected to begin throwing next week at minicamp.

Newton will start by throwing on a side field away from team drills under the supervision of head athletic trainer Ryan Vermillion. He isn't expected to participate in team drills until the team reports to training camp in late July.

Newton has been at practice for all of the team's voluntary workouts, but has not yet thrown any passes since undergoing surgery to repair a partially torn rotator cuff on his right shoulder in late March.

"He's ahead of schedule,"

Rivera said following Monday's voluntary workout. "We're not putting him ahead of schedule. He's doing all the band-work, all the stretching, all the rehab he's supposed to."

Newton was not made available to talk to reporters on Monday.

"His rehab program is going very nicely," Rivera said. "I'm excited about what he's doing. As we progress into next week, you guys will get a chance to see him."

Newton injured his shoulder in Carolina's Week 14 win against the San Diego Chargers but continued to play the rest of the season. When asked why he continued to play his star QB rather than sit him out, Rivera responded by saying it was because Newton wanted to keep playing.

Newton finished with one of his least productive seasons of his career and the

Panthers and failed to make the playoffs one year after reaching the Super Bowl.

Meanwhile, starting cornerback James Bradberry will be in a cast for the next six weeks after fracturing his left wrist during practice Monday. However, the team said it has not ruled him out of participating in minicamp next week.

Bradberry, a first-round draft pick in 2016, landed awkwardly on the wrist while diving for an interception.

Rivera said he's not sure if veteran defensive end Julius Peppers or offensive lineman Michael Oher will participate in the three-day mandatory minicamp which begins June 13.

The Panthers are resting the 37-year-old Peppers while Oher remains in the concussion protocol.

"We are taking our time with him," Rivera said of Peppers.

Round trip: Mike Brown returns to Cleveland with Warriors

CLEVELAND (AP)—Mike Brown happily slid into his normal seat to coach Steve Kerr's left for Game 2 of the NBA Finals. For the first time in weeks the Warriors were whole again.

Brown has moved before—not always so willingly—and over the next few days he'll return to a familiar place.

Golden State's well-liked top assistant, whose first two stints as a head coach were to nurture a young LeBron James and then pamper Kobe Bryant, is heading to Cleveland, the city that shaped him more than any other.

It's where he was hired twice and fired twice by the Cavaliers, who are paying him until 2020. It's where he raised his two sons. It's where he rooted himself in the community and stayed after losing his job in 2014. And it's where he still has a home and keeps one of his Harleys, which he took for cruises along Lake Erie to clear his mind.

"He loves those Harleys," said Warriors forward Draymond Green. "That just means he has 'em in every city he goes to. That's an addiction."

When Game 3 tips off Wednesday night with the Warriors holding a 2-0 lead that feels insurmountable, Brown will be back in a building where he and James appeared in their first Finals together 10 years ago.

In 2007, the Cavs were no match for the powerful San Antonio Spurs, who overwhelmed Cleveland and swept the series. Brown can surely



appreciate the irony in coming back as part of a juggernaut.

"Circle of life," Brown said last week. "Like the 'Lion King,' everything comes back around, I guess."

Brown's Finals debut must seem like a lifetime ago for the 47-year-old, who guided the Warriors to an 11-0 mark in this postseason while Kerr battled intense pain stemming from back surgeries.

"My guy did OK while I was gone," Kerr said before the Warriors won Sunday night.

During last year's Finals in Cleveland, Brown met with Kerr about joining the Warriors staff and replacing Luke Walton, who was bound for the Los Angeles Lakers. The interview came before the Cavs rallied from a 3-1 deficit, and before Kevin Durant announced he was headed to the Bay Area.

After he was fired for the second time by the Cavs, Brown had stepped outside the coaching circle, choosing instead to watch oldest son Elijah play hoops at New Mexico and filming his other son Cameron's Friday night high school football games. All the while, he stayed connected by talking with San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich, his mentor and former boss.

Popovich urged him to



join Kerr.

Brown's willingness to accept an assistant's job despite 563 career regular-season wins and 47 in the playoffs

underscores his humility. But that's Brown: unassuming, ego-less, the consummate teammate.

And while he hasn't

strayed from preparation and the attention he learned growing up in a military family, Brown has shown a willingness to change. He

AP
Golden State Warriors interim head coach Mike Brown gestures during the second half of Game 1 of basketball's NBA Finals between the Warriors and the Cleveland Cavaliers in Oakland, Calif., Thursday, June 1, 2017.

has loosened up. With the Warriors, he had no choice.

Borrowing philosophies from other coaches, Kerr has created a loose atmosphere, believing a less-structured environment allows players to perform more freely and effectively. Kickball games are not uncommon and yoga is practiced regularly. Warriors practices typically begin with loud music booming through loudspeakers.

It can be jarring to outsiders.

"I remember the first few practices, me and Mike, we were new guys and we were looking at each other like: 'This is how it goes down here?'" Durant said. "So it was an adjustment for both of us. It was great for me to have Mike to kind of like go through the season with me, and kind of help me out and help me get adjusted. It was different for both of us."

If things had gone differently, Brown might still be Cleveland's coach. Given only one season on his return, he was dismissed despite a nine-win improvement and a colossal jump defensively. He still had four years left on his contract, and unfinished plans.

Last week, Cavs All-Star guard Kyrie Irving said he wished his time with Brown had gone better.

"I was a 21-year-old kid, just trying to lead a franchise, and he was a new head coach that I had to get introduced to a new offense, new players, as well as a new system," Irving said. "I kind of regret being part of that because he was just trying to teach me a lot of things that I didn't necessarily understand as a 21-year-old. So, he definitely had some great things and the knowledge of the game that's up there with some great coaches."

Brown could be in demand again. Kerr's health may prompt a reshuffling at Golden State, and there are certain to be other vacancies next season.

Brown though, isn't in any hurry to pack up, and he's not viewing his trip to Cleveland as anything more than business.

"I'm not looking at this as Cleveland fired me twice, this is the time to get back at them or is there any extra incentive?" he said. "I just want to win. I just want to be a part of a winning program and be the last team, quote/unquote, standing."

Cavs ignore last year's comeback after another 0-2 hole

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers are headed home in a familiar spot after the first two games of the NBA Finals.

Rather than reach back to last year's championship comeback for a confidence boost, James' focus is on figuring out what Cleveland must do to change its fortunes against a Warriors team that is fresher and far more dangerous this year, thanks to the addition of Kevin Durant.

"They're a different team," James said following a 132-113 loss in Game 2 on Sunday night that put Cleveland in an 0-2 hole.

That's been quite evident through two games. Durant leads all players with 71 points the first two games—six more than the player he replaced in the lineup, Harrison Barnes, scored in seven games a year ago.

Durant's scoring has taken pressure off Stephen Curry and allowed the Warriors to with-

stand Cleveland runs so well that they haven't trailed after the first quarter in either game.

A healthy Curry followed up a 28-point Game 1 with his first postseason triple-double on Sunday with 32 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds. He looks more like a two-time MVP than the hobbled player he was in last year's Finals.

Klay Thompson shook off a shooting slump to score 22 points and the Warriors pulled away late for another lopsided win.

"They play well at home," Cavs coach Tyronn Lue said. "They won their first two games like they're supposed to. Coming to a tough environment, we knew it was going to be tough, but they won the first two games. We get a chance to go home now to our home crowd where we play well, also."

The Cavs began to turn things around last year after being outscored by 48 points in the first two losses in Oakland—seven more than this year. They split the two games at home before reeling off three

straight wins to become the fourth team to win the title after losing the first two games.

"They're going keep to coming, man," Curry said. "There is a lot of work for us left to do. And you got to expect them to play, obviously, better at home. And we're going to need to play better to win on the road."

What was so discouraging for the Cavs is that they played better in Game 2 but the result didn't really change. They went to a smaller lineup that contributed to Golden State committing 20 turnovers a game after tying a Finals record with four.

The offense picked up thanks to 27 points from Kevin Love and the Cavs scored 22 more points than in the opener in a faster-paced game, but that also helped the Warriors improve their shooting from 43 percent to 52 percent as Cleveland had a weaker defensive on the floor.

"We definitely have a sense of what they're capable of, and

we felt like a lot of times tonight we played better basketball," Love said. "But they're a team you cannot - you can't let them go on runs."

The key one came late in the third quarter after Cleveland cut the deficit to four points. The Warriors followed with a 16-4 run that included 3-pointers from Curry and Thompson, a three-point play from Durant in transition and four points from Shaun Livingston.

"That's what they do," James said. "That's what Golden State does. If you make a mistake - like I said, we had a turnover, it came from me, and then we had a miscue and the floods opened again."

The first two games have shown a stark difference in depth. While James has thrived so far and had 29 points, 11 rebounds and 14 assists to tie Magic Johnson's record with his eighth career Finals triple-double Sunday, he hasn't gotten nearly enough help.

Kyrie Irving scored 24 points in the opener and Love

French Open up for grabs for women; Murray, top men in QF

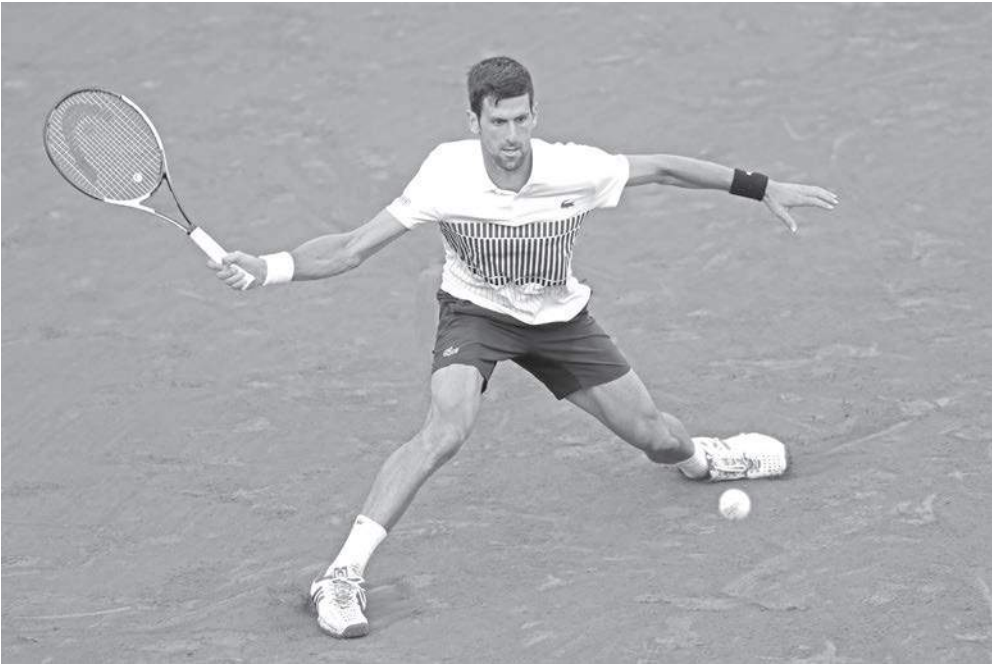
PARIS (AP)—For all of the tumult in the French Open women’s draw and the unfamiliar names filling the quarterfinal slots, the men’s tournament has been much more about the usual suspects: Andy Murray, Novak Djokovic, Stan Wawrinka and, of course, Rafael Nadal.

The No. 1-seeded Murray, a three-time major champion and last year’s runner-up at Roland Garros, and No. 3 Wawrinka, whose own trio of Grand Slam trophies includes the 2015 French Open, moved into the quarters with ho-hum, straight-set victories Monday.

While three of the winners in women’s fourth-round action Monday—No. 2 Karolina Pliskova, No. 3 Simona Halep and No. 5 Elina Svitolina—are highly seeded, none of the eight players left in that field has ever won a Grand Slam tournament.

And they’re all well aware. “Everyone knows who remains in the draw,” said Svitolina, who was two points from losing before coming back to beat 290th-ranked Petra Martić 4-6, 6-3, 7-5. “It’s a big opportunity.”

There’s a lot more experi-



ence and hardware among the remaining men.

There’s Murray and Wawrinka on the top half of the bracket. On the bottom half, No. 2 Djokovic, the defending champion, and No. 4 Nadal, seeking a record-extending 10th title in Paris, would set up a showdown in the semifinals with one victory apiece Tuesday.

“Looks like one of the top four guys” is going to end up grasping the champion’s Coupe des Mousquetaires,

seven-time major titlist John McEnroe observed.

He added that he thinks “quite probably” the semifinals will be No. 1 vs. No. 3, and No. 2 vs. No. 4.

Sure looks that way at the moment.

Murray was barely tested in the fourth round, beating 21-year-old Karen Khachanov 6-3, 6-4, 6-4. Wawrinka had only a bit more trouble, eliminating the last Frenchman, No. 15 Gael Monfils, 7-5, 7-6 (7), 6-2.

Next for Murray is a match against No. 8 Kei Nishikori, who got past a slow start to defeat Fernando Verdasco 0-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-0. Murray’s head-to-head record against Nishikori is 8-2. Wawrinka, meanwhile, is 11-2 against quarterfinal opponent No. 7 Marin Cilic, who was leading 6-3, 3-0 when Kevin Anderson stopped because of an injured left hamstring.

Cilic knows what it takes to win a major title—he topped Nishikori in the 2014 U.S.

Kanoa’s win after nailing all of the team’s three goals. He started his streak in the eight minute and his last two goals were recorded in the 33rd and 59th minute. WNT took the loss despite drawing first blood off Jeralyn Castillo’s shot in the fifth minute.

In the Matansa versus Shirley’s-2 game, Gabriel Arkoh scored for the former to deny their opponent the win. Arkoh knocked in the equalizer in the 59th minute, while Shirley-2’s lone goal came from Hojin Woo in the eighth.

managed to up the advantage to 2 when Brittany Wally scored in the 36th. Yeong Gil then moved KFAS within one, while Edwin’s first goal in the game forced the first deadlock.

Gillian Villagomez broke the standoff in the 50th minute, but Edwin retaliated a minute later to tie the game anew before completing his hat trick in the 53rd to hand KFAS the close win.

Earlier in the morning game, Kanoa also defeated WNT, 3-1.

Taka Borja stood out in

meet WNT over the weekend with the former pulling off a 4-3 victory.

Edwin Kim drilled a hat trick for KFAS, including the go-ahead goal in the 53rd minute. His two other goals came in the 48th and 51st minute, while Yeong Gil Kim posted the first goal for KFAS in the 38th minute.

KFAS faced a 0-1 deficit at halftime before it recovered in the second and stole the win. A goal from Diana Maniacop in the 10th minute gave WNT the slim lead and the squad

second, advancing to third of a sacrifice fly, and eventually making it home.

The scores did not change up to the sixth inning, as the Falcons continued to struggle against the former’s defense and Cabrera’s solid pitching. Cabrera gave up only two hits in the first six innings with the second hit coming from a single from Henry Iguel at the bottom of the third. Henry, however, was stuck at first as Cabrera struck out second batter A.J. Evangelista and Giovanni Mira and Ian Norita went down on a pop fly and 4-3 putout play, respectively.

The Falcons were then called for their second 1-2-3 in the fourth inning and then bungled their chances to score their first run in the fifth inning when Cabrera threw to catcher Sunumai, who tagged out R.J. Riungel. J.J. Lifoifofo also had a good opportunity to reach

home, but was left stranded at second when Henry field out at second and Evangelista was charged with a 4-3 putout play.

Despite the missed chances, the Falcons remained in contention as they also shut down the BSI Aces in the ensuing plays. The Falcons then finally ended their silence at the bottom of the seventh as J.J. Lifoifofo’s single brought Goru Iskawa home. Lifoifofo also nearly scored and tied the game when he made it all the way to third with only one out before Cabrera got the needed defensive stops. Cabrera picked up back-to-back grounders from Henry Iguel and Evangelista and threw to first baseman Mike Iguel for the last two outs.

Both teams were called for 1-2-3 in the eighth inning, while the BSI Aces faltered in their bid to gain more cushion with runners on first and sec-

ond, as Juan Iguel fled out to home for the third out at the top of the ninth inning.

Holding on to a precarious lead, going to the final inning, the BSI Aces put more pressure on the Falcons when the eventual champions booted out the latter’s first two batters. Bradley led off for the Falcons, but his base hit to third base was picked up by Saralu, who made the throw to Mike Iguel ahead of the Falcons runner. Iskawa was next at bat and this time his grounder landed at the hands of short-stop Lamar Iguel, who threw to his older brother Mike for the second out.

With the BSI Aces one out away from clinching the title, all eyes were on Riungel, who got two balls and was charged with two strikes before hitting his target on Cabrera’s fifth pitch. The ball dropped past Lamar Iguel and he failed to pick

^{AP}
Serbia’s Novak Djokovic plays a shot against Spain’s Albert Ramos-Vinolas during their fourth round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris, France. Sunday, June 4, 2017.

Open final—so he appreciates his easy path. He has not dropped a set.

“It’s a huge bonus for me, looking to the rest of the tournament,” Cilic said, “knowing that, mentally and physically, I haven’t spent any energy at all.”

Murray did not arrive in Paris at the height of his powers, dealing with a cold and

some recent shaky results.

But he appears to have found his form.

Dealing quite well with a swirling wind that other players complained about, Murray made only 14 unforced errors and broke the strong-serving Khachanov five times.

“Each match, I feel like I played better. I have hit the ball cleaner and started to see the right shots at the right moments,” said Murray, who became the 15th man with 650 tour-level match victories and has a .782 career winning percentage. “Yeah, come a long way the last 10 days or so.”



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wa -Sophia Michl and Chloe Katerdjian-Sara Tsukamoto tiffs were unavailable at press time.

In the boys singles, the CNMI’s Robbie Schorr gained an outright Round 2 spot after getting a bye yesterday. He will debut in the New Caledonia tournament today as he takes on No. 13 seed Matteo Savio of Australia.

Schorr will also play in the doubles event and will team up with Tahiti’s Jeremy Guines. The two Pacific Oceania players will collide with No. 7 seeds Kuan Yu Chen of Chinese-Taipei and Kiev Moores of the U.S. in the second round game tomorrow.

In the girls doubles, Lee is also ranked No. 1 along with her Kiwi partner Holly. The CNMI-New Zealand pair had a bye in the first round and will duel the Kiwi duo of Brown and Alysha Nowacki in the second.

Heras and her teammate Michel are also seeded in the

division at No. 3 and will meet Japan’s Toyama and Rima Yoshida in the first round.

The New Caledonia ITF Junior 2017 is a Grade 5 competition under the ITF Juniors Circuit. It awards 30 and 20 points to the singles and doubles champions (each player). Twenty, 15, 10, and 5 world ranking points are also at stake for the runner-up, semifinalists, quarterfinalists, and losers in the Last 16 of the singles events, while other points to be won in the doubles are 15 (runners-up), 10 (semifinalists), and 5 (quarterfinalists).

After this week’s tournament, Lee, Schorr, and Heras will also see action in the Open BNP PARIBAS JUNIOR de Nouvelle-Caledonie, which will run from June 12 to 17.

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Kim found the back of the net early with his shot in the third, while Jin made it a 2-0 lead for Sun Palace five minutes later. Yu also scored his goal in the first half, giving Sun Palace its third goal two minutes before they took the halftime break.

In other Division B results, Kanoa and KFAS handed WNT back-to-back losses, while Shirley’s 2 and Matansa had a draw.

KFAS was the last team to

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home by Jones’ sacrifice fly at centerfield. The BSI Aces were held to one run at the top of the first, as Lamar was stranded at first after Saralu’s linedrive was caught by Falcons first baseman Bradley Lieto and Frankie Lieto struck out Tudela.

The BSI Aces went on to keep the shaky one-run lead after two complete innings as they forced the Falcons to a quick 1-2-3 at the bottom of the first and stranded two runners in the second following a 4-3 putout play on centerfielder J.J. Lifoifofo.

Then in the third inning, the BSI Aces made it a 2-0 advantage after Jones stole home. The BSI Aces centerfielder led off for the squad at the top of the third and was walked by Frankie before stealing

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A Kagman High School defender steps in to prevent Saipan Southern High School's Brittany Wally from kicking the ball.



A Kagman High School player, left, dribbles in front of the defense of Saipan Southern High School's Brittany Wally.



Marianas High School's Anela Duenas gets ready to throw-in.



Marianas High School and Saipan Southern High School players chase the ball.



Marianas High School's Lyka Sally, second left, and Saipan Southern High School' Krizel Tuazon, third left, collides as they battle for the ball.



Marianas High School's Anela Duenas, left, and Chloe Salvosa, are about to exchange high-fives after the latter scored against Southern.



Marianas High School's Diana Maniacop, left, tries to dribble past her defender.



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The BSI Aces players and their supporters flash the No. 1 sign after winning the championship in the 2017 Saipan Baseball League last Monday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield. The BSI Aces edged the Falcons in Game 4, 2-1, to finish the best-of-five title series.

BSI Aces clinch SBL crown

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The BSI Aces captured the championship in the 2017 Saipan Baseball League after a close 2-1 victory in Game 4 of their best-of-five title series against the Falcons last Monday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Ben Jones had a sacrifice fly and stole home for the BSI Aces' two runs in the low-

scoring match, while Manny Cabrera pitched a complete game, allowing only four in-

nings to hand the team the title that they missed last year after being swept in the finals by the Chalan Kanoa Bears.

"After we lost to the Bears last year, the boys were really determined to come-back and redeem themselves. That's was our motivation all throughout this season so we brought the boys back and got additional players to get things done," player/coach Luis Iguel said.

Luis along with his brothers



Lamar, Juan, Jesus, and Mike, Barry Sunu-mai, Angel Falig, John Tudela, Jones, and new recruits Peter Tenorio,

Nokki Saralu, Dave Camacho, and Cabrera make up the champion team that won Games 1 (9-3) and 3 (13-9) to boost their title bid. Falcons took Game 2, 12-8.

In Game 4, Jesus led off for the BSI Aces, doubled, and stole third before being driven

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Sun Palace shuts down Thundercats

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Sun Palace added to the Thundercats' woes following a 3-0 victory in their Division B game in the M-League last Sunday at the Hopwood Middle School Field.

Three different players hit the board for Sun Palace to hand the team its third win against four losses and a

draw. Taeho Kim, Jiju Jin, and Feng Yu scored for Sun Palace, which is at the bottom half of the team standings in the eight-squad field behind Shirley's FC-1 (8-0-0), Kanoa (5-2-1), Shirley's-2 (4-3-1), and Korean Football Association (3-2-3) and ahead of Matansa (2-2-4), Women's National Team (1-0-7), and winless Thundercats (0-2-6).

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Heras marches; Lee, Schorr draw byes in NC

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The CNMI's Isabel Heras won her debut in the New Caledonia ITF Junior 2017 after sweeping her opening round foe yesterday at the Ligue Caledonienne De Tennis in Noumea.

Heras, who is seeded No. 8 in the 31-player field, was pitted against the unranked Aimee Brown of New Zealand and recorded a 6-4, 6-3 victory to move into the second round and be in the company of fellow Commonwealth junior player Carol Lee.

Lee, the No. 1 seed in the tournament, automatically made it to the second round after drawing a bye in Round 1 and will play her first game to-



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Isabel Heras returns a shot during a local tournament early this year at the Pacific Islands Club hard court. Heras, Carol Lee, and Robbie Schorr are in Caledonia, competing in an ITF Juniors event in Noumea.

day against Japan's Hitomi Tokoyama. The Japanese earned the right to challenge the Pa-

cific's highest-ranked junior player in the world (No. 314) after downing New Zealand's

Lara McNaughten, 6-2, 6-4.

Joining Lee and Tokoyama on the second round qualifiers at the upper half of the draw were New Caledonia's Lysiane Moto-Nekirai, Australia's Chiara Di Tommaso, Julia Varvarigos, and Lara Kaplan, Singapore's Ashley Kei Yim, and New Zealand's Holly Stewart.

At the lower half of the draw, Heras will be paired against France's Helena Mohamed in the second round, while other matches are New Zealand's Sarah Weekley against Japan's Otoha Aoki and Australia's Roopa Bains versus New Zealand's Amelia Lawson. The two remaining Round 2 berths were still being contested yesterday and results of the Sakura Kuroka-

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The Sun Palace goalie picks up the ball during an earlier game against Matansa in Division B of the M-League at the Hopwood Middle School Field.